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COUNTER-MOVE

NANKING AFRAID OF WU-HAN?

NATIONALIST SQUABBLES

Alarm Caused By Gen. Pei Chung-hsi's Victory.

ANTI-BRITISH INCIDENTS AT THREE YANGTZE PORTS.

Nationalist military commanders in the field, who are opposed to Chiang Kai-shek and his programme at Nanking, are causing considerable alarm, so much so that a General has been ordered to make a counter-move to prevent the Wu-Han group from marching on Nanking.

This is not all that has occurred. Chiang Kai-shek is stated to be paying the Hunanese (his former enemies) to fight the Wu-Han Nationalist group and to have adopted as a protege a General who revolted against Wu-Han.

While Chiang Kai-shek's politicians are beginning their conference at Nanking, other developments are taking place elsewhere, unfavourable to him. General Pei Chung-hsi is believed to be within 120 miles of joining hands with General Li Chai-sum of Canton, and the latter has ordered pursuit of the Ironsides (who support Chiang Kai-shek).

Meanwhile, incidents are reported from three Yangtze ports where the Nationalists are in control. In each case, the position of British merchants has been affected and the Nationalist attitude is not harmonious.

IRONSIDES PURSUED.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang opened at Nanking on Thursday, the intention of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his supporters apparently being to force the Wu-Han leaders to combine with Nanking in the Northern Expedition.

Neither the Wu-Han nor the Canton parties were represented at the session and it may be taken for granted that both these parties will ignore any decision arrived at by the conference.

Chiang's Counter-Move. It is reported that the soldiers of General Yih Kai-hsin (who is now a supporter of Chiang Kai-shek) have been disbanded by the superior forces of General Pei Chung-hsi (Canton group) who is suspicious of Yih's intentions in Hunan.

This action has been brought to the notice of Chiang Kai-shek who, as a counter-move, has ordered General Chen Tiao-yuan to proceed immediately and intercept General Pei Chung-hsi. It is considered unlikely that the latter will march his troops back towards Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

Chiang Gives Money.

Hankow, Yesterday. The 8th, 35th, 38th and 44th Armies are stated to be receiving money from Chiang Kai-shek to become loyal to his cause.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: All the units are Hunanese, now fighting the Wu-Han Nationalists who oppose Chiang Kai-shek.)

Canton to Ignore.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang was opened at Nanking yesterday. It is stated that 27 members were present.

The object of the session is believed to be to endeavour to force the Nationalist commanders at Wu-Han to combine with Nanking against the North, but no Wu-Han or Canton military members were present, and it is considered probable that they will ignore any of the decisions.—Reuter.

120 Miles From Kwangtung. That General Pei Chung-hsi has advanced southward in Hunan to within 120 miles of Kwangtung's northern frontier is reported by the "Kung Shoung Yat Po" which also credits other commanders in the Wu-Han group with further victories against Chiang Kai-shek's proteges, the Hunanese.

The Ironsides, after being forced out of Kwangtung, are active in the interior of Fukien but, says an overnight cable, Cantonese troops loyal to the Canton Government are to set out from Swatow as a counter-move.

Ironsides' Last Stand.

General Li Chai-sum is stated in political circles to be concerned

trating on following up the Ironsides and wiping out the Communists in Kwangtung, particularly the Swabak Soviet, which is still functioning.

It now transpires that the very heavy fighting in the Ng Wah district, in the East River basin, where the Ironsides made their last stand, has caused tremendous damage there with consequent suffering for the people.

HUNANESE "CRIMES."

General Pei Chung-hsi's Declaration.

Changsha, Jan. 25. One company of troops belonging to the 13th Wu-Han Nationalist Army arrived here this morning, and the remainder of the 13th Army and the troops of the 7th Army entered this city at 3 p.m.

General Li Pao-yung, commander of the 38th division, has issued a proclamation assuring the people of the maintenance of peace and order in the city. The citizens seem to be less anxious. The city is at present quiet.

General Pei Chung-hsi, General Cheng Chien and other Wu-Han Nationalist leaders, in their joint names, have issued a declaration, enumerating "crimes" of the Hunan armies, and stating that the Nationalist Wu-Han Armies are the real Nationalist Revolutionary forces.—Toho.

BRITISH RELATIONS?

Incidents at Wuhu, Ichang and Chinkiang.

Wuhu, Yesterday. A decision has been arrived at by the committee responsible for the inception of the anti-British boycott to continue same and the restrictions are being rigidly enforced.

There is not a great deal of anti-foreign feeling and the remainder of the A.P.C. fuel which was seized recently and which has been the subject of representations has been released and returned by order of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Wuhu is only 35 miles above Nanking.)

A Firm's Premises.

Ichang, Yesterday. The premises of the U.J.C. (a British firm) were occupied today by Chinese soldiery but the local commander eventually withdrew them upon representation by the British Consul.

Ships continue to arrive in large numbers from down the Yangtze.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Ichang is on the upper Yangtze, 370 miles above Han-

REDS & PIRATES.

Pakkai Seamen's Union Raided.

"SAN NAM HOI" ARRESTS.

Seven More Of Detained Men To Be Shot.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. Of the seventeen men arrested after the piratical attack on the Hong Kong s.s. "San Nam Hoi" (who are alleged to be former members of the crew and rowdies of the local branch of the Chinese Seamen's Union, eight have been shot already, seven more will be shot by the authorities shortly, and the other two are still under investigation. (Note: The prisoners were captured by local volunteers and handed over to the Pakkai military authorities).

Ten Seamen Arrested. Troops of the Canton Government yesterday raided the Pakkai branch of the Seamen's Union. Ten men on the premises were arrested. The union was closed up later.

Premises of the pork butchers' union, which was recently accused of being engaged in Communism, have been confiscated, following the proscription of the union.—Our own correspondent.

Another Version.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Yesterday. A raid was carried out by the military authorities on the Seamen's Union here to-day when twenty officials and others were arrested and taken to Kongmoon for trial by a military court.

Among these are stated to be six pirates who have been identified as having taken part in the "San Nam Hoi" piracy when Chief Officer, Mr. Hugh Conway was murdered.—British Naval Wireless.

Reports from Canton.

Surprise has been occasioned by a report from Canton that the present Government has ordered resumption of work at Strike Headquarters. However, the officials are "moderates" who have been appointed to reorganise and reconstitute the movement. The Government decision is nevertheless strange and contrary to its recent policy.

Vigilance was maintained in Canton city on Thursday and yesterday following increased activity by the Police against suspected Reds.

REDS AT SINGAPORE.

Five Chinese Under Arrest.

Singapore, Yesterday. Communist headquarters from which much propaganda has been disseminated here and in the East Indies, was raided and four Chinese men and a woman arrested. A quantity of Communist literature was seized.—Reuter.

(Note: Semi-official Chinese opinion is that So Shu-ching, former head of the anti-Hong Kong strikers and the "red" seamen's leader, went to Malaya in December following the subjugation of the Communist rising in Canton city.)

kow. The troops here are Nationalists of Wu-Han.)

Jardine's of Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, Yesterday. The British Concession, which was recently over-run and occupied by Chinese troops, has been cleared with the exception of the premises of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., in which the Opium Bureau is located.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: There is a small British Concession at Chinkiang, which is near the mouth of the Yangtze, between Nanking and Shanghai.)

New Foreign Minister.

Shanghai, Yesterday. It is rumoured that Mr. Quo Tai-chi has resigned the post of acting Foreign Minister of the Nationalist Government but still remains Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai. It is expected that Mr. Hwang Fu will be appointed Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

BRIGANDS AT LARGE.

Trouble at Kinkiang and in Shantung.

Kinkiang, Yesterday. The activities of brigands has (Continued on Page 7.)

MODERN YOUTH.

Educationalist's Visit To China.

WORK AMONGST WOMEN.

Belief In Lady National Leaders.

An interesting visitor to the Far East is now in Hong Kong in the person of Miss K. Stevens, who is studying systems of education and work amongst women in many lands in the course of an extended tour which has already occupied two years and is likely to extend over a similar period.

Miss Stevens was one of the British delegates to the world Federation of Educational Associations held in Toronto last year and her present tour of the Far East was undertaken with a view to studying conditions here at the invitation of Dr. Sidney Way, who represented educational institutions in China at the Toronto Convention and of Dr. Sawaynagi, a member of the House of Peers in Japan, who was the representative of Japan.

London Headmistress. Miss Stevens was formerly principal of the Tollington Park Central Girls' School, London, and has introductions and recommendations from the Ministry of Education at Whitehall and the Educational Department of the London County Council. She has the honour of being the first lady to be made honorary corresponding member of the Educational Association of the United States, others who were elected after her being the now late Baroness Bertha von Suttner (winner of the Nobel Peace prize), Mrs. Phillip Snowden, wife of the Labour ex-Chancellor, Mme. Montessori, originator of the well-known educational system, and Lady Rhonda.

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RAIN EXPECTED.

North-east winds, moderate; overcast, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

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Meeting In Shanghai.

In Shanghai she was introduced to several lady members of the National Committee of China and, in the course of conversation with a "China Mail" representative expressed the keenest admiration for what she termed the capability and poise of the modern Chinese youth. Those whom she had met had shown themselves enterprising and full of zeal for the women's cause without any of the hysteria which had marked certain phases of women's emancipation in Great Britain. She had every belief in the capacity of the women leaders of China for directing the new consciousness which was awakening into the proper channels.

Whilst in Hong Kong Miss Stevens hopes to continue her investigations both of educational work among the Chinese and of the progress of the feminist movement and she intends shortly to visit Canton with the same aim. She realises that within a comparatively short period she cannot master the situation completely but she has already devoted some time to the study of Chinese questions and is fully determined to make the most of her opportunities for studying them at first hand. As in the countries she has already visited she is anxious also to be given the opportunity of speaking to the educational systems obtaining in Great Britain.

The Woman's Cause.

As a worker in the women's cause for many years Miss Stevens can speak with authority on questions affecting the feminist movement and, when asked if she regarded present-day tendencies as a sign of retrogression, she emphatically disagreed with the pessimists who regarded the greater freedom of the sex of conduct of women as a sign of degeneracy.

Miss Stevens regards the present day tendencies as merely indicative of a state of flux and adjustment. The modern young woman was getting a great deal of liberty and taking even more, she did not quite know what to do with it and how to hold the balance truly; it had rather run away with her at present and the reins were not fully under control but as a passing phase it was not without its lessons and she would eventually emerge more capable and balanced than before.

BIG EXPLOSION.

B. & S. Yangtze Boat Involved.

TWO CASUALTIES IN CREW.

Cordite And Gunpowder Found On Board.

Whilst the China Navigation Co. (Messrs. Butter and Swire) s.s. "Kian" (British flag) was on its run from Hankow to Changsha and Siangtan via Yochow, a big explosion occurred on board, killing one of the crew outright and severely injuring another.

When a search was carried out by an armed guard after the explosion, it was found that four bags of gunpowder had been stored aboard and one of cordite, states a wireless report from the British Navy.

It is not yet clear whether the gunpowder was being carried as cargo or whether the explosion was due to incendiary agents.

Yochow, Changsha and Siangtan are ports in Hunan province on the Siang River, a tributary which joins the Yangtze from the south, a little above Hankow.

MRS. D. MACDONALD.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT PASSES.

We regret to announce the death at 3.30 this morning of Mrs. D. Macdonald, widow of Major Donald Macdonald, who was a partner in the firm of Macdonald and Hunter, consulting engineers and marine surveyors. Mr. Macdonald passed away at home in 1922, having then retired from the firm. Mrs. Macdonald is survived by two children, a son and a daughter. One son was killed during the War, when he held a commission in the Flying Corps. The surviving daughter is now Mrs. Pope and resides in England, where the son, Harry, is engaged in business.

The funeral passes the Monument this afternoon at five o'clock.

TWO BLANKETS.

Lai Shing-shi, an accountant, residing at 90 Des Voeux Road, reports to the Police that on the 2nd inst., he entrusted his richa coolie to deliver two blankets worth approximately \$35; to a customer residing at an hotel. The coolie delivered the goods, received the payment, and has since disappeared.

ABSCONDING FOKI.

The master of a contractor's shop, at No. 21 Swatow St., Wanchai, reports to the Police that on the 2nd inst., a foki collected money from various shops amounting to the sum of \$781, after which he disappeared. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

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Belief In Chinese.

In regard to China Miss Stevens, whilst admitting that she had only fully realised her "ignorance" on the subject since actual contact with them, was of opinion that she had seen enough to convince her that in spite of the turmoil of civil war the Chinese were at heart a peace-loving people. She had a great respect for the Chinese and was of opinion that once ignorance was driven out, together with those who exploited it, the future of China would be assured.

Miss Stevens continues her tour, after leaving Hong Kong and will visit Australia and New Zealand. Whilst here she is to visit several educational institutions.

CUSTOMS SURPLUS

QUESTION OF DISTRIBUTION.

TO BE REVIVED?

Points For And Against A General Release.

MANY LITTLE FELLOWS WILL AGITATE FOR A SHARE.

[By "Li Chung-yin."]

If, as is believed, the old question of distribution of the Chinese Maritime Customs surplus is to be revived shortly, interest of non-Chinese will be aroused not so much as to find out how much each recipient Government will get, but to see what measure of control will be claimed by each faction.

Once control is acknowledged to more than one faction, the question may then well be:—Will each faction try to lay down additional taxes or otherwise usurp the powers vested in the present administration?

If distribution is to be made in ratio to territory ostensibly controlled, there may arise a situation in which each province will file a claim with independent districts counter-claiming against the provinces!

REGIONAL CLAIMS.

If there is to be any discussion at present, most people will presume it will be between the Nationalist Central Government of Nanking and the acting Inspector-General, Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, in regard to relations with the Peking Government.

Suppose for a moment that regional distribution is agreed upon, for which there is a precedent. Nanking will get a proportion out of the surplus and the balance will go to Peking.

It is only necessary to look at the manner in which Nationalist provincial Generals are now shamelessly withholding revenue from Nanking to realise that strong opposition will be made in the near future if not immediately.

"Which Is Absurd."

For instance, the Nanking Treasury is now almost entirely dependent on most of Kiangsu province, possibly a very small slice of Chekiang, and certain areas of Anhui. Canton is an example of a provincial capital which has ceased paying a monthly quota to Nanking. Will Canton also quibble for a share of the Customs surplus? And if Canton is "recognised" what is there to prevent a minor General who holds a few Kwangtung districts with one Treaty port—as Chan Kwing-ming did for a time several years ago—to demand his proportion of the allocation to Canton?

If each demand is accepted in turn—carrying the argument to a possible if not very logical conclusion—the Maritime Customs will have to get up a separate department specially to handle the surplus. And demands will fluctuate with the fortunes of war which, as Euclid might have said, is absurd.

Policy Changed Twice.

The Customs has changed its policy twice during the last decade. In 1918, claims by the Canton Government to a share of the surplus were refused. In 1920, 13.7 per cent. of the releases went to Canton, the figure being based on the percentage of total revenue collected at treaty ports under control of the Canton Government. A precedent having been established, the Customs modified its policy following disputes among claimants as to rights to the funds. After December, 1920, no share was set aside for Canton. And in 1923, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen's attempt to force his claim was resisted. Since then the Customs has adhered to its original policy.

Question of Money.

Nanking now maintains that sixteen of the twenty-one provinces in China Proper acknowledge the rule of the Nationalist

Government. Nominally, the provinces do. But when it comes to a question of money, the attitude, I venture to predict, will be entirely different.

As it is, one group is not in sympathy with Nanking's programme, if not actually in opposition to the Nationalist Government. Will the territory held by this group be treated as a part of the Nationalist sphere? If there is to be a pro rata allocation, make a bid for funds.

Compromise or Solution? The Kwangsi military faction, with headquarters at Canton, is in power in Kwangsi provinces, and in certain parts of Hunan and Hupeh. The egoistic Nationalist Generals in Kiangsi and Hupeh provinces may follow suit. Minor Generals in Anhui, Chekiang and Fukien are likely to resist the temptation. And what of Szechuan province, far up the Yangtze River, with several "governments" all opposed to each other and claiming alliance with the major factions?

Compromise, it is feared, will not be a permanent solution. How, then, can satisfaction be obtained? Recognition of dual control in China may serve at the moment, but the policy of the Diplomatic Body in regard to the Customs will have to be revised each time there is a change.

Greater Confusion. There also arise the questions of Tariff Revision, the Washington Surtaxes, and the dues which have been mandated and have either been paid, ignored, or protested. Almost unlimited revenue is needed to carry on a campaign to a bitter, definite conclusion. If two opposing sides are both enriched by a windfall in the shape of a share of the Customs surplus, they will each be so much the stronger. When that money has been expended, the respective warlords will have to devise schemes again. New forms of levy will be attempted, leading to greater confusion and more irregularity.

Possible Experiment.

Now that regional distribution should be opposed. Essentially it is just but the difficulty arises in determining the quotas to be paid intended recipients, and in saying one and for all who the recipients are going to be. Release of the whole surplus to a Government such as the present one in Peking, or Nanking, will be unjust. Furthermore, the other side is bound to object strenuously. A province is about the biggest unit that can safely be dealt with. As an experiment, payment to the authority functioning in each provincial capital appears to be possible; and if a province is loyal to its central government, it can ask for its share to be made over accordingly. Civil dissension is less likely to be aggravated than by pursuance of the old policy of fixed division between Peking and Nanking.

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NOTICES.

CONVITE.

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FRED A. XAVIER,
Secretary.

Kowloon, 3 de Fevereiro de 1928.

NAVY LEAGUE (Hong Kong Branch.)

The Annual General Meeting of the Navy League will be held on Wednesday 8th February at 5.30 p.m. in the board room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission).

All members are cordially invited to attend.

L. M. WHYTE
Hon. Secretary

Hong Kong, February 1st 1928.

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School will reopen on MONDAY, February 13th, at 9 a.m. New Boys should attend on SATURDAY, February 11th, at 9 a.m.

The Office will be at the School Buildings from MONDAY, February 6th. Telephone Kowloon 777. Applications for Prospects, etc., should be addressed—The Bursar, The Diocesan Boys' School, P.O. Box 33, Hong Kong.

The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M.A. (Oxon).
Headmaster.

Hong Kong, Feb. 3, 1928.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

SCHOOL WILL REOPEN FEBRUARY

8th. Examination for New Students. TUESDAY, February 7th, at 9.30 a.m. For Prospects, for Boarders and Day-boys apply:

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE,
Prospect Place,
Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hong Kong Tramways, Limited, will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 27th day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th February, 1928.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 7th February, 1928, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 7th February, 1928, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 21st January, 1928.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, 1928 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 1st February to FRIDAY, 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 26th January, 1928.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and it thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927—"That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 6th February, 1928 to THURSDAY, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

LONDON BRIDGE.

OBJECTIONS TO LUDGATE PROPOSALS.

POLICE VIEWS.

The Bridge House Estates Committee will consider a report of a sub-committee on the proposal to construct a new bridge at Ludgate. The proposal came from the Royal Commission on Cross River Traffic, which suggested that a new bridge at Ludgate should be substituted for the Corporation project to construct a new bridge at St. Paul's.

It is understood that the police reported unfavourably on the Ludgate Bridge proposal, and that Mr. Basil Mott, the engineer consulted, is also opposed. It would be necessary to use the Smithfield Market area for a main through route, and this, the engineer says, does not appear practicable unless the market were moved elsewhere. There is no alternative route, he holds, without cutting through either part of St. Bartholomew's Hospital or the General Post Office.

Furthermore, Ludgate Bridge would cost \$5,500,000, not including the Southern Railway Company's bridge and stations, which might easily cost another \$1,000,000. The estimated cost of the bridge at St. Paul's, was \$5,000,000.

The sub-committee, dealing with the points urged by the Royal Commission in favour of Ludgate Bridge as compared with St. Paul's, say they do not, after investigation, take so optimistic a view, and they comment on them in detail.

The sub-committee sums up by adding the necessity of another bridge within the confines of the City, and concludes by stating that if the St. Paul's Bridge scheme is to be abandoned and the property purchased resold, there will be a heavy loss to the Bridge House Estates. It suggests that it should be further authorised to consider and report on the whole question of cross river traffic within the City area.

The following were among the Fellows elected at the last meeting of the Council of the Royal Colonial Institute:—Ernest F. Hardman and John F. Pilcher, both of Shanghai.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

February 6, 1928.

Septuagesima Sunday.

Holy Communion (8 a.m.)

Children's Service (10 a.m.)

Matins (11 a.m.)

Precursor: Rev. W. R. Cannell.

Holy Communion (12 noon).

Evensong (6 p.m.)

Precursor: The Dean.

The Rev. H. V. Koop will be licensed by the Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong, as Assistant Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral during Matins.

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.

OSAKA MARU Tuesday, 7th February.
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NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

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CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

TOTTORI MARU Sunday, 12th February.

MORIOKA MARU Monday, 20th February.

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U.S. SUBMARINES FOR JAPAN?

The announcement was made last month that the Electric Boat Co. of America had been awarded a contract by the Japanese Government for the construction of forty submarines and equipment. The order, one of the largest ever placed, called for \$80,000,000 in submarines and \$5,000,000 in periscopes and will take over two years to complete. It was said that owing to the period of mourning for the late Emperor, the official announcement has been withheld by the Japanese Government. The Electric Boat Co. owns two plants at Bayonne, N.J., and one at Groton, Conn., and has agreements with prominent shipbuilding concerns in all parts of the world by which it is able to build the boats at any place most agreeable to the customer, which has led to speculation over the yards to be selected for constructing the Japanese submarines.

The report which appeared in all the New York newspapers was immediately denied by the Japanese Ambassador in Washington, who pointed out that such a contract would have to be provided for in appropriation bills by the Japanese Parliament, and no such appropriations had been made to his knowledge.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Java" are advised to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 6.

Consignees of Cargo ex M.S. "Pasquillo" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 7.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "General Metzinger" are advised to send in claims to the Agent before February 9.

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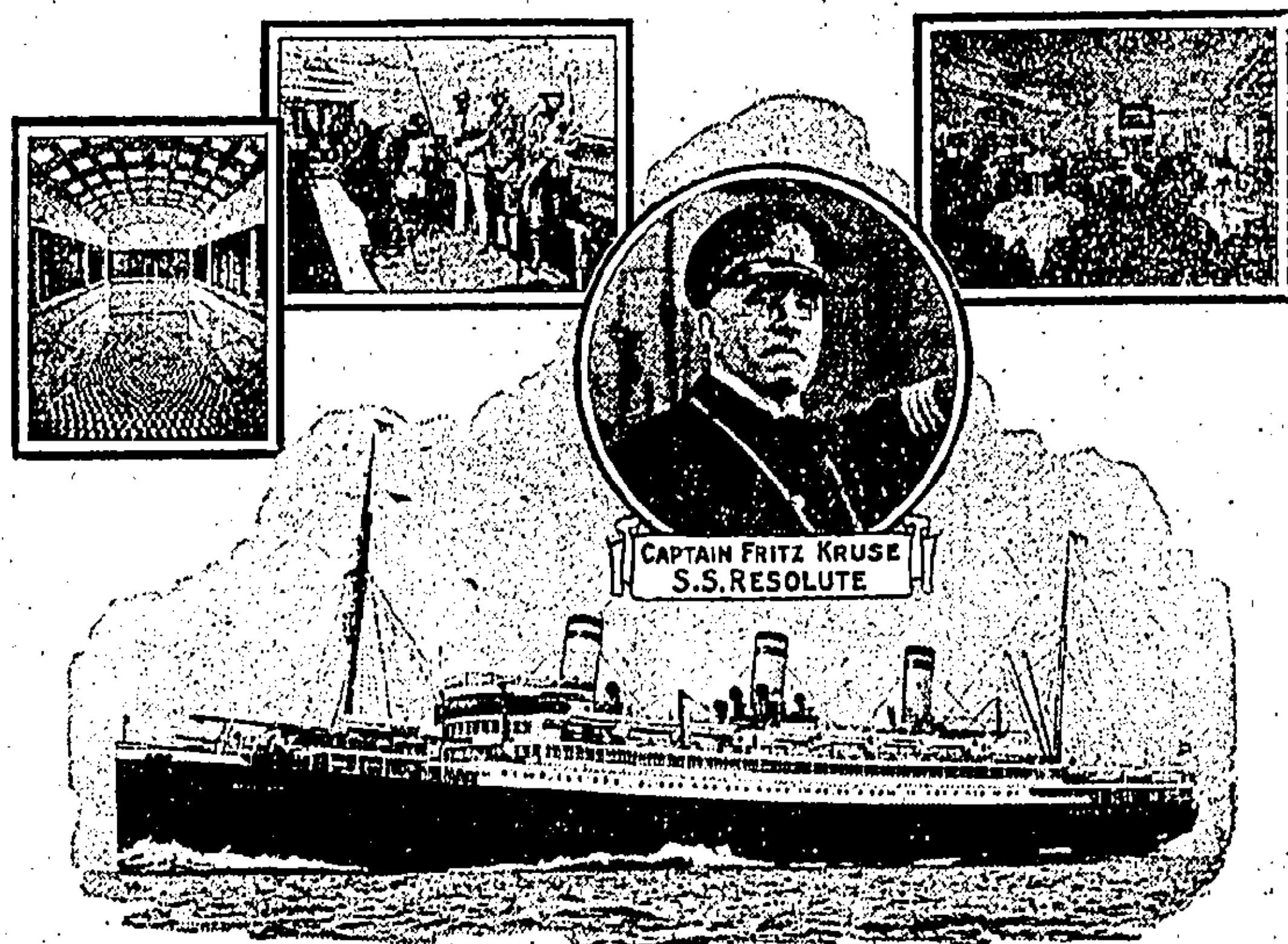
THREE PACIFIC SERVICES.

The board of directors of the American Chamber of Commerce of Manila approved a resolution signed by 49 members of the Chamber to direct that a cable be sent to the chairman of the United States Shipping Board at Washington requesting that careful consideration be given the impending disposal of three steamship services now running between the Pacific coast of the United States and the Philippines.

The action of the Chamber was taken because of the extreme uncertainty as to the terms applying for the sale of three shipping board trans-Pacific freighter services, recently advertised to the sold, on February 10.

It is feared that the purchasers may not be required to perpetuate the services or adequately re-tonnage them to meet the foreign competition already threatening.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 10th February.

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HONOLULU MARU (Calls at Karachi) Saturday, 4th February.

SHINGO MARU Wednesday, 8th February.

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DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Hong Kong passengers arrived on February 3 by the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" from Shanghai included: Mr. and Mrs. Niles, Miss Lohman, Mr. Chang, Prof. Moquiliwah, Duchoes De Louchberg, Messrs. Pao, Seager, Lt.-Comdr. Garvey, Mrs. H. MacKenzie, Messrs. R. Bigazzi, Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Brouley, Mr. Beatty, Rev. A. Faust, Messrs. Marshall, D. Marshall, C. Ko, Dr. F. Nield and Mr. H. Henriksen.

"NEW SHIPS."

A new regulation under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance of 1899 is announced in the "Government Gazette." Inter alia, it says that a "new ship" means a ship whose keel was or shall be laid on or after January 1, 1928; any other ship shall be deemed an "existing ship" within the meaning of the Board of Trade regulations.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The s.s. "President Pierce" of the Dollar Steamship Line will arrive from Tacoma and Seattle via Victoria, Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai on Sunday (to-morrow). This steamer will sail for Manila on Monday at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" R/W Cruise, arrived at Singapore on February 2 at 8 a.m. left Singapore yesterday at 7 a.m. and is due at Manila on February 7 at 7 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Manila for this port yesterday at p.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on February 6 at about daylight.

The American Mail liner "President Madison" will arrive from Manila on Monday at 8 a.m., and sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on Wednesday, at 9 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R.), will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on February 15.

The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

The rescinding of the quarantine order against arrivals from Sourabaya has been gazetted.

In view of the sitting up of the Hai Ho River, some Tientsin merchants are organising the Shon Hsing Lighter Co. for conveying cargo between Tientsin and Tangku. The company owns more than eighty lighters, registered with the Customs House.

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SHIP HELD UP.

STRIKE FOLLOWS ACT OF JOB CONTROL.

STEWARDS' AFFRONT.

What is probably one of the most contemptible acts of job control over perpetrated on a vessel of the Australian Commonwealth Line occurred recently when the stewards of the "Moreton Bay," the flagship to the Balmora regatta, declined to serve luncheon to H.E. the Governor-General (Lord Stonehaven) and the regatta officials and the guests. Owing to the holiday season it was impossible for the committee to make other arrangements, and the official luncheon, therefore, lapsed.

The decision of the men was not known to officials until almost luncheon time, when it was announced by a delegate.

Guests' Best of Grace.

The officials were plunged into consternation because of the expected arrival of Lord Stonehaven, and they endeavoured to make other arrangements, but none of the city enterers communicated with could assist.

Upon his arrival on the "Moreton Bay," Lord Stonehaven was informed of the position, and he took the news philosophically. However, Lord Stonehaven and some of the other guests were later provided with sandwiches and other refreshments in the cabin of the commander (Captain F. Ogilvie).

The guests took the news with the best of grace, and either went hungry or longed for themselves. The "Moreton Bay," which is from London, and is bound for Brisbane, carries about 160 passengers. These had their meals in the usual way the stewards only declining to wait on the regatta guests. None of the stewards would volunteer any reason for the surprising decision. Even the union delegate (Mr. J. Byres) would have nothing to say.

Bolshevik Element.

It was officially stated that the men were offered double rates of pay for the extra duty, but this failed to induce them to fall in with the desire of the line officials. "The whole trouble lies in the fact that a Bolshevik element among the passengers disaffected some of the members of the crew," said one of the directors of the Commonwealth Shipping Board (Mr. R. Farquhar), "and this outbreak of insubordination is the result, it is understood, of pamphlets that were distributed among the crew." A member of the crew, more communicative than the rest, said that the men had just completed a four months' trip, and it being Christmas time they wanted to get ashore and to their homes. They were willing to do their duty so far as the regular passengers were concerned, but objected to adding to their duties, and had decided not to serve any of the regatta guests.

BRITISH ENGINES.

It would appear that in spite of political troubles in China, there is still a demand for motor craft.

The Parsons Oil Engine Co. received instructions to supply two standard 28-32 h.p. paraffin engines for Shanghai. These motors were installed in the "Wayfoong," and is 57 ft. long with a beam of 11 ft. 6 ins. The speed attained is between 9 knots and 10 knots. She is provided with a substantial amount of accommodation for passengers.

It is announced, rather belatedly from Moscow that the Russian Far Eastern shipping agency Sovtorflot (a branch of the Arcos Steamship Co.) has cancelled its steamship services to all Chinese ports.



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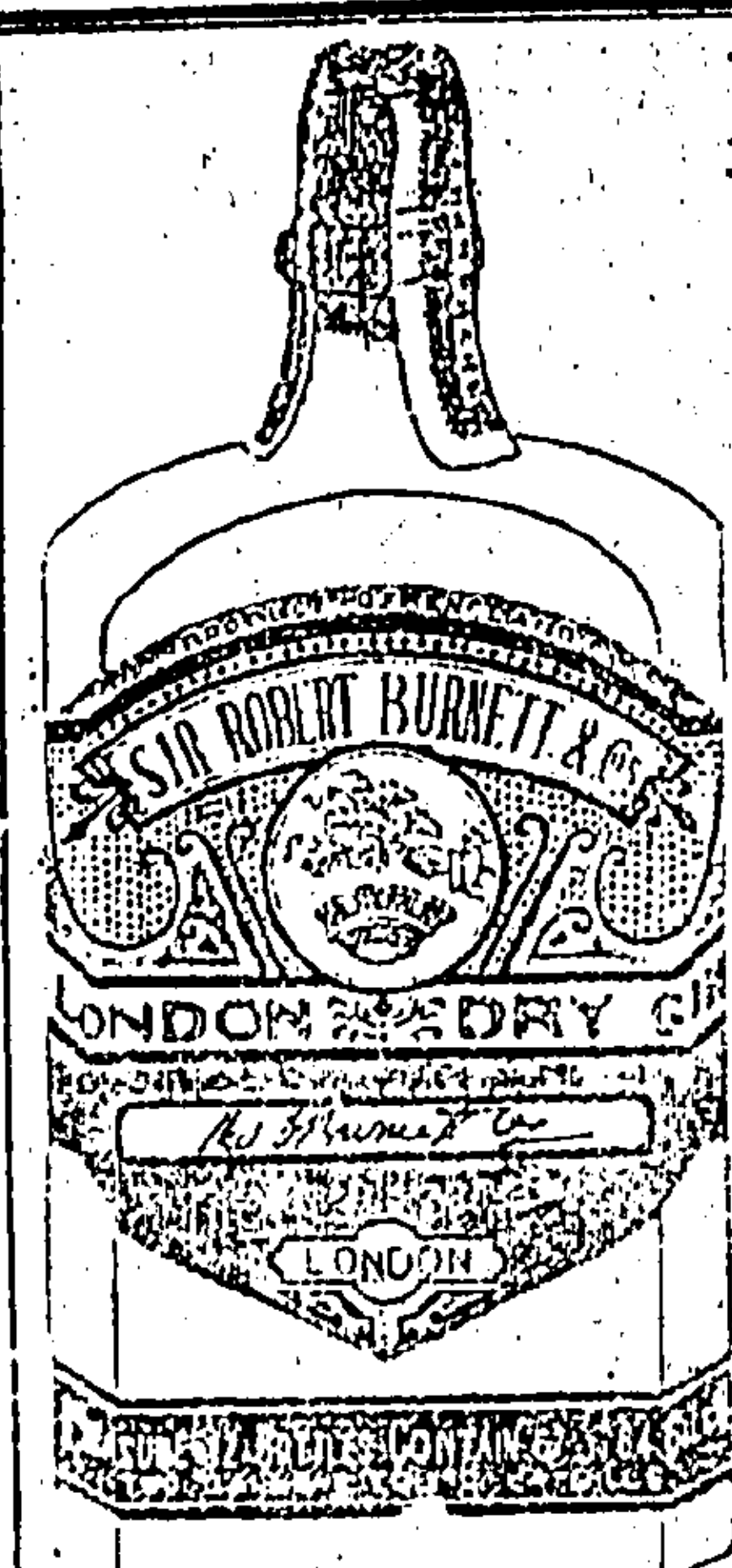
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

After nearly half a century's residence in the Colony during which he has earned the goodwill of all sections of the community, both Chinese and foreign, Dr. T. W. Pearce is shortly retiring from the London Missionary Society. Dr. Pearce came out East in 1879 in connection with the L.M.S., going to Canton where he spent eleven and a half years. His connection with Hong Kong dates back from 1890 where, apart from his activities in connection with his Society he has done splendid service. He was senior member of the Board of Examiners and also the Board of Education and as Warden of Morrison Hall his interest in the Hong Kong University, of which he is an Hon. LL.D., is well known. Dr. Pearce shares with a few the distinction of being a life member of the University Court and by virtue of the fact that he has been Warden of Morrison Hall, one of the oldest Hostels, ever since its foundation, he is known as the Senior Warden.

Dr. Pearce is an excellent Chinese Scholar and has successfully taught many aspirants to business honours at the classes organized by the Chamber of Commerce and he was one of the examiners in Chinese in connection with the University Local examinations. In conjunction with Mr. Teesdale Mackintosh, Dr. Pearce was chiefly responsible for the founding of the Hong Kong University Christian Association. Yet another organisation with which he has been prominently connected is the British and

Foreign Bible Society in whose activities in China he has taken the keenest interest. Popular both at the University and among the many outside it with whom he came into contact, Dr. Pearce will be much missed and the best wishes of all will go with him in his retirement.

In the current issue of "The Rock," an organ dealing with particular branches of work under the auspices of the Roman Catholic organisation in Hong Kong and China, the establishing of a new Home is recorded—viz., the St. Louis Industrial School at West Point—the direction of which is being undertaken by the Salesian Fathers. The object of the new school is to carry on the good work inaugurated by Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Fathers, who devoted his life to the interests of the children whose slum surroundings give them little chance of rising above their environment and erected technical schools and workshops for their training. "Two things will strike the visitor," states "The Rock": "the efficiency of the work of these poor boys who, with the as-yet inadequate equipment, are able to do so much; and in the second place the cheerful faces . . . If a prizefighter or a champion golfer passed through Hong Kong to-morrow, "The Rock" continues, everyone would know that he had passed. Why is it that workers in the noblest of causes can come in so quietly and settle down to work for the benefit of the community and so few know that they have come." We would suggest that the reason for the arrival of the Salesian Fathers and the inauguration of their new work is so little known lies either in their own reticence or in their lack of appreciation of the value of publicity, but now that public attention has been drawn to the good work, it is to be hoped that the good fathers' work will meet with the appreciation and help it deserves.

The agitation which is taking place in certain sections of the Home Press against greyhound racing and for greater control of betting generally by means of the totalisator is of topical interest in view of the near approach of the annual race meeting in Hong Kong. Whilst the public has a right to be protected against the bogus agencies which are stated to be springing up allegedly to promote new greyhound racing schemes, there appears to be no reason why the new sport should come in for more restrictive measures

in regard to betting than are in force in any other form of gambling. The taking of chances is no worse offence in one street than in another and if it is wrong to speculate there is, from the absolute standpoint, just as much evil in a large bet at Ascot or at Monte Carlo or at the Stock Exchange as in a mere hazard of coppers made in the cheapest section of a greyhound ring. The legislation at present in force at Home gives rise to the complaint that the poor man is being penalised for doing what the rich man can do with impunity and to single out the dogs for even more severe discipline (which is at present being agitated for) whilst leaving the rest of ordinary practice about gambling untouched is to strengthen the impression that what is deemed tolerable among the wealthy is intolerable among the poor. Whilst the difficulty is not likely to arise in Hong Kong—as the "Tote" would inevitably be the medium of the "punters"—should it be introduced here—it is to be hoped for the sake of fair play and justice that the agitation at Home will be taken at its face value by those in control of betting legislation.

KOWLOON BUSES.

POLICE SCHEDULE OF NEW ROUTES.

AS FROM APRIL 1.

The following new motor bus routes for the three Kowloon Bus Companies have been drawn up by the Police and are to come into effect on April 1:—

For the China Motor Bus Company: 1st Route, from the Star Ferry to Shamshui via Nathan Road, Lai-chikok Road to Shamshui. 7th Route, from the Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Hunghom to Kowloon City. 11th Route, from To-kwa-wan to Shamshui via Hunghom, Jordan Road, Yau-mati Ferry Wharf, Shanghai Street, Canton Road to Shamshui. 12th Route, from Star Ferry to Shamshui via Canton Road, Shanghai Street to Shamshui.

For the Kowloon Motor Bus Company: 2nd Route, from Star Ferry to Lai-chikok via Nathan Road, Lai-chikok Road to Lai-chikok. 6th Route, from Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Nathan Road to Prince's Road to Kowloon. 10th Route, from Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Canton Road, Shanghai Street, Prince's Road to Kowloon City.

For the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company, Ltd.: 3rd Route, from Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Chatham Road, Hunghom, to Kowloon City. 4th Route, from Yau-mati to Kowloon City via Hunghom. 5th Route, from Yau-mati to Hunghom.

Pending the arrival of the new cars of the Kai Tak Company the 3rd and 5th routes will be run by the vehicles of the China Motor Bus Company while the Kowloon Motor Bus Company will run also on the 4th route.

MR. J. S. GIBSON.

FORMER RESIDENT NOW HERE.

A former resident in the person of Mr. J. S. Gibson has returned to the Colony and is now practising his profession—that of an architect—on the sixth floor of China Building.

Mr. Gibson's acquaintance with Hong Kong goes back to 1898, when for five years he was engaged as chief draughtsman on important contract work. From 1906 to 1908 he was employed in a similar capacity in Singapore, and in the latter year he returned to the Colony.

In 1911 he went back to England and was chief draughtsman for the North-Eastern District and the North-Eastern Coast Defences, remaining at this post until 1916, when he joined the Army.

In 1916 he was chief draughtsman on the Somme front, attached to the Fourth Army, and was invalided home with trench fever in 1917 with the rank of Lieutenant and Quartermaster. For a while he served as Officer-in-charge of R.E. Stores, Hounslow District. In 1920 he resigned from the Army, being gazetted as relinquishing his Commission with the retention of his rank.

Since then Mr. Gibson has been chief draughtsman under the War Department and Clerk of Works under the Air Ministry. His local professional activities include a survey of the Kowloon Hinterland and the assistant surveyorship of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

NATURALISATION.

BILL FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

POWERS OF REVOCATION.

A bill will be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council to amend the Naturalisation Ordinance of 1902.

The "objects and reasons" stated are:—
1. One object of this bill is to apply to local naturalisation the powers of revocation which exist with regard to imperial naturalisation. Put shortly, the chief cases in which revocation will be possible are the following:—

- where naturalisation was obtained by fraud, or false representation, or concealment of material circumstances;
- where the person in question has shown himself disloyal to His Majesty;
- where the person in question trades with the enemy, or adheres to the enemy, in any war in which His Majesty is engaged;
- where he has ceased to reside permanently in the Colony;
- where he is sentenced by any court in His Majesty's dominions to imprisonment for twelve months or to penal servitude or to a fine of one thousand dollars or one hundred pounds.

In cases (a) and (b) above the Governor must revoke the naturalisation rights of the person in question. In the other cases he has a discretion. Provision is made that before making any order the Governor may refer the case for inquiry to a committee to be appointed by him and to be presided over by a judge of the Supreme Court. In certain cases, including those referred to in (a) and (b) above, the person to be affected will have the right to an inquiry.

2. The other object is to provide that a person naturalised locally shall automatically lose his local British status if he leaves the Colony and becomes naturalised in some foreign state. This provision is also based on the law relating to imperial naturalization.

DR. COOK.

TO WAIT FOR POLAR FLIGHT.

TO FINISH SENTENCE.

Washington, January 19.
Dr. Frederick Cook, who almost found the North Pole and who certainly found a lot of financial suckers, will not fly to the South Pole this year as scheduled.

While Dr. Cook chooses to do it, the Supreme Court of the United States has chosen otherwise.

By decision of the court announced the famed explorer and oil stock specialist must serve his sentence of fourteen and three-quarters years in the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, this sentence being the one imposed some months ago for using the U. S. mails to defraud.

It is all very sad, for Colonel Charles R. Forbes—cellmate of Dr. Cook and former director of the War Veterans Bureau—had told the United Press only a few weeks ago that he and the Doctor would be companions on a flight to the South Pole in the very near future.

"Dr. Cook will be the scientist of the expedition," Colonel Forbes had predicted, "and I will go as navigator. We have chosen two men to accompany us as pilots and will push our plans to completion as soon as Dr. Cook is released from Leavenworth."

By submitting to Colonel Forbes what the Colonel described as "a vast amount of scientific data," much of which is unrefuted, Dr. Cook had convinced his cellmate that the ill-fated North Pole expedition through which he won notoriety was conducted with "sincerity and honesty" and that "only his inability properly to present the results of his explorations led to a public disbelief in his accomplishments."

This feeling on the part of the Colonel led to formulation of the scheme for a South Pole venture which might afford at least partial vindication of Cook's fair name.

But the Supreme Court apparently paid more attention to the remarks of the trial judge who had sentenced Cook, declaring: "him one of the greatest swindlers of all time."

SIR JOHN DUNCAN.

With Lady Duncan and Miss Duncan, Major-General Sir John Duncan continued his voyage home from Shanghai on the "Malwa" today, re-embarking shortly before mid-day, after a brief stay in Hong Kong.

On relinquishing command of the British Defence Force at Shanghai, Sir John exchanged autographed portraits with General Chang Ting-fan of the Nationalist Army, Mayor of Greater Shanghai. Mr. T. T. Chen, General Chang Ting-fan's brother, presented Sir John with a silver cup as a memento of their pleasant dealings together, and Sir John's close cooperation with the Chinese military authorities.

CATHOLIC WORK.

NEW INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL INAUGURATED.

ITEMS IN "THE ROCK."

The February issue of "The Rock"—a Catholic magazine of attractive appearance and containing some excellent reading—contains an able summary of recent events in China, comments on topical subjects such as Parliament and the Prayer Book and on other religious and secular subjects.

The magazine, which is a monthly publication, has undergone considerable change and appears in a new series. The organisation of the St. Louis Industrial School at West Point by the Salesian Fathers is recorded and an indication given of the good work which is going on to fit children of lowly parentage for taking a useful place in society. There are also notes from Chinese vicariates and interesting and instructive articles on many subjects.

IDLE YOUTH.

MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN CANADA.

WOMEN IN INDUSTRY.

Mrs. Flora Drummond, who has recently returned from a tour of investigation in Canada, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given by the Women's Guild of Empire, of which she is the Controller-in-Chief, at the Hotel Cecil.

Mrs. Drummond, in stressing the urgent need for peace in industry, said the women of all classes who were members of the guild, but particularly the wives of the workers, were in deadly earnest about industrial peace because they saw the seriousness of the conditions which existed in industry to-day. The obstacles in the way to peace, strange as it might sound to many, were not the Communists, but those people who posed as leaders and who talked industrial peace with their tongues in their cheeks. Those were the real enemies to progress. But the women were determined to have industrial peace, and when a woman made up her mind on a certain thing she usually got it. (Laughter.) Her investigations in Canada had been conducted on behalf of the Guild of Empire in order to see what could be done for the surplus population in this country.

She had returned more convinced than ever that Canada offered opportunities for many workers which could never be obtained in these crowded islands. It was distressing to find right through the Dominion so many industries being worked by foreigners. That was not Canada's fault. She could not afford to refuse any labour that presented itself, but the fact remained that the foreigners were taking the jobs while we at home were wondering if the emigration problem was not getting worse. The Women's Guild of Empire could play a big part in tackling that problem. Their work lay in the industrial centres of the country, and they had to appeal not to the boy, but to the mother, who did not realise that by keeping her son tied to her apron-strings she was robbing him of his chance in life. Boys were standing in groups at the street corners of every industrial town, grumbling. They did not want the "dole," they were sick of it. So the guild appealed to mothers to let their boys go and become useful citizens of the Empire.

No False Ideas.

Proceeding, Mrs. Drummond said she had come back with no false ideas about Canada. The opportunities were there, but it was necessary to work hard to get them. Explaining the scheme of emigrating, she said that in each town she had visited in Canada she had left a small group of women who had become members of the Guild of Empire, and when families came to their organisation for details of the life and prospects overseas they could be put in direct communication with their members who resided near to the district to which the prospective emigrants desired to go. Through that correspondence they would get to know the truth about the conditions and chances of success, and from it would spring a sense of friendliness, which would do much to relieve the feeling of loneliness experienced by those who set out for a new land. "We mean business in this matter," she said. "We are a non-party organisation, and as such we are in the glorious position of being suspected by every political party. But here we are with 40,000 women behind us, and we mean business." (Cheers.)

HIS EIGHTH WIFE.

GLORIA SWANSON'S NEW PICTURE.

Showing at the World Theatre to-day, is a unique picture of a beautiful French girl, the daughter of an aristocrat, who is in the claws of bankruptcy, and whose one hope to save his broken pride is to marry the daughter of an American millionaire. After the marriage ceremony, she finds she has married a modern "Bluebeard." Many queer episodes take place, ending in a thrilling climax. The American millionaire is played by Humphrey Bogart, with Gloria Swanson as his attractive wife. Other prominent screen artists are Charles Greene, Paul Welgel and Robert Agnew.

COUNTER-MOVE.

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greatly increased lately and the country-side round-about here is distinctly unsafe for lonely travellers.—British Naval Wireless. (Note: Kiukiang, on the lower Yangtze, 252 miles above Nanking and 142 below Hankow, is held by Nationalists. Shantung, referred to in the next message, is governed by the North-eners.)

German Missionaries. Shanghai, Yesterday. From Tsinanfu (the capital of Shantung province) it is reported that Red Spears (local guerrillas) have captured a party of German Catholic missionaries at Poli, on the Shantung coast, to the south of Kiao-chow Bay, and are holding them to ransom, demanding \$60,000.—Reuter.

CAVALRYMEN DESERT.

Depreciated Money Trouble in Manchuria.

Peking, Yesterday. The fall of the treasury notes in Manchuria is alleged to be responsible for the desertions of some provincial forces in Manchuria, which are paid in this paper currency. One body of 100 cavalrymen deserted with the intention of joining a gang of bandits despite the efforts of 600 loyal troops to round them up.—Reuter.

SOVIET AND CHINA.

To Tempt Japan in Manchuria?

Rumours of negotiations between Marshal Chang Tso-lin and the Nanking Government for general measures against Bolshevism continue to circulate in Moscow, and the declaration of the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Peking Government that it is necessary to destroy Bolshevism in all China, and the Peking Government's special plan in regard to the U.S.S.R. create anxiety.

In order to forestall the Peking Government's measures, Moscow diplomats, reports the correspondent of "The Times" at Riga, are endeavouring to come to terms with Japan and are prepared to grant Japan considerable concessions.

An Intermediary?

The Soviet Press is full of praise of Viscount Goto, who is regarded as intermediary for the conclusion of a general agreement with Japan. The arrival of the Japanese delegation, ostensibly to study economics and culture, excites great expectations in Moscow, where it is anticipated that Viscount Goto will conduct negotiations for concessions and will also explore the possibility of an understanding between the U.S.S.R. and Japan for the co-ordination of the action of both countries in Manchuria and Mongolia.

DUPED.

SPURIOUS SHAKESPEARIAN RELICS.

London, Jan. 17. That he was actuated by a desire for notoriety, not a desire to cheat, was the defence made at the Buckingham Palace Assizes on behalf of Hunter Charles Rogers, who created a mild sensation in the antiquarian world last November by claiming the discovery of relics of Shakespeare, Milton and William Penn, and who now pleaded guilty to obtaining money by false pretences, and to forging and uttering letters intended to defraud.

He was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. It was alleged that Rogers obtained £1,500 from an antique dealer at Stratford-on-Avon for forged Shakespearean relics.

Rogers admitted that he manufactured documents relating to William Penn, which he pretended he found in an old iron chest.

13 YEARS.

HIGH POLICE OFFICER SENT TO JAIL.

Bangkok, Jan. 20. The Criminal Court yesterday sentenced Major Luang Bisanussan, formerly assistant accountant of the Police Department to a term of 10 years and four months' imprisonment for misappropriation of T.S. 188,920.64 from the funds of the Department, taken since last March.

During the trial, the official confessed to his guilt in the matter, stating that he only took such a large sum because he was continually pressed for ready cash. The Court, in ruling sentence, commanded the prisoner to repay the missing sum of money, in addition to the term of imprisonment imposed. It also stated that if the accused is unable to do so, the punishment of a year's additional imprisonment would be imposed.

PETROL MONOPOLY.

SPANISH GOVT. ADOPT NATIONALISATION.

OTHER INDUSTRIES.

Madrid, Feb. 2. As regards the petroleum monopoly, which has been in force since January 1, the Government has issued a statement to the effect that, in order to safeguard the interests of the Spanish Treasury and consumers, the Government has nationalised and monopolised the trade, which has been bringing in for foreigners engaged in it in Spain, fabulous profits without risk or labour.

Petrol supplies have previously been run by the Shell Standard Oil and a Russian oil company. Now, a new National Company has been formed, in which none of these three is represented, but a sum has been earmarked to compensate the dispossessed.

Spaniards First.

Later. The petroleum monopoly is another instance of the Government's determination not only to develop the trade of Spain, but to ensure its development and management by Spaniards.

Since the advent of the Dictatorship, all the railways have been brought virtually under State control. The Cabinet has approved of a £10,000 electrification scheme, whilst the telephones have also become the monopoly of a National Company.

National air lines have been similarly dealt with. The provision of staff, material and capital must be entirely Spanish.

All the coal mines are compulsorily grouped and controlled by a Federation decree providing penalties for firms purchasing excessive quantities of foreign coal.—Reuter.

U. S. NAVY.

SAID TO NEED NEW CHANCE.

New York, Jan. 17. Curtis D. Wilbur should resign as Secretary of the Navy and President Coolidge should give the Navy an entirely new deal, Representative Loring Black declared to-day in a statement regarding a resolution which is now being prepared for presentation before Congress in connection with Navy affairs.

The statement said that this resolution will ask Congress to investigate the Navy's affairs in detail, with special reference to disaster when the Paulding rammed the submarine S-4 and sent her to the bottom.

It is understood that the resolution is based in part upon the charges of Admiral Thomas P. Mighruder.

"The Navy needs drastic official readjustment," declared Representative Black to-day. "Secretary Wilbur's separation from the Navy is desirable."

"President Coolidge has been unfortunate in both Wilbur and former Secretary Denby. He owes it to the country to make a change."

Black also criticised Secretary Wilbur for "permitting our fleet to become a second-rate arm of defence."—United Press.

SIR BUTLER.

WARNING TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS.

New Delhi, Jan. 16. Addressing the Legislative Council of the Central Provinces, the Governor, Sir Montagu Butler, referring to the Simon Commission, said that discretion was vested in him to disallow discussion of the matter, but he did not feel that the interests of Government would be served by the exercise of his special powers.

His Excellency stated that his Government had not received instructions to appoint any Committee to deal with the subject of the Reforms, or to open relations with the Commission.

Caution on the part of Councillors seemed to be desirable, in view of the wide discretion vested in the Commission itself to decide upon its own procedure.

The Governor concluded by saying that it was a sound maxim not to start building a bridge until the need arose. It was equally sound, where the bridge existed, not to break it because, at the moment, one did not need or wish to use it.

SIMON COMMISSION.

"FREEDOM FROM OFFICIAL TUTELAGE."

London, Jan. 10. The "Sunday Times" understands that the Simon Commission will work in an atmosphere of freedom and independence, its contact with the Government machine extending only as far as is necessary for the purposes of its examination.

The Commissioners will not be the guests of the Viceroy at Delhi, but will be lodged in a hostel. "In this freedom from official tutelage," the Commission will be able to pursue its work in its own way," says the paper.

CINEMA NOTES.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS' NEW PICTURE.

COMING NEXT WEEK.

Douglas Fairbanks will be with us again soon, this time as a bandit chief at the head of an army of liberators in South America. The title of the film is "The Gaucho." Doug is seen as the terror of the Andes, riding the country at the head of his army, taking and looting town after town until he comes to the Miracle City, when his regeneration is effected through the lady of the shrine and he marries a wildcat mountain girl. "The Gaucho," which is full of thrilling incidents, filmed in beautiful mountain settings, will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday of next week, and attention is drawn to the special times for performances, announced in a display advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

"BEN-HUR"

The stirring story of Ben-Hur and his rival Messala, the scenes of which are laid at the advent of the Christian era in Palestine, Syria and Italy, is the magnet that is still attracting all ranks of theatre goers to see mighty "Ben-Hur" at the Queen's Theatre. Ramon Novarro and Francis X. Bushman as the protagonists. Betty Bronson, May McAvoy and Carmel Myers in the principal feminine roles are also popular favourites. "Ben-Hur" has only three more days to run and should on no account be missed.

WORLD AND STAR.

While "Ben-Hur" has still three more days to run, the current films at the World Theatre and the Star Theatre will be screened for the last time to-day. The picture at the World Theatre is Gloria Swanson's notable production, "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," and the picture at the Star Theatre is Pola Negri's new drama, "The Crown of Lies." Both are excellent films for the Saturday half holiday.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

ERADICATION POSSIBLE IN A GENERATION?

DUTY OF CHINESE.

At the moment, the authorities have got crime in Singapore under reasonable control but in the form of Society outrages it will always be liable to crop up dangerously until the Chinese community sets its face seriously to discountenance it. Such is the conclusion reached by the "Free Press" in a leading article which urges the Chinese community to make every effort to secure the abolition of secret societies in Malaya. "Granted," says our contemporary, "that as a traditional accompaniment of Chinese life the secret society is difficult to eradicate but it could be accomplished possibly in a generation if the Chinese really put their minds to it and we should welcome indications of such intention which might well begin with formal resolutions adopted by responsible bodies of Chinese leaders, with discussions by the younger generation of the evils of secret societies in their debating societies, and similar methods. What seems to be required is the slow building up of a public opinion adverse to the very idea of the secret society for until such organisations are regarded as a blot upon a modern civic community there can be no effective repression."

Citing as examples the suppression by Signor Mussolini of the dreaded Sicilian secret society, the Mafia, and the growing unpopularity of the Ku Klux Klan in America, the "Free Press" admits that the extinction of the Chinese secret society may be more difficult and certainly extreme powers are not available to accomplish it but it is quite certain that if our leading Chinese resolved to create a feeling in the minds of the growing generations the foundations would be laid for a practical solution of the problem in the near future. "We suggest to our Chinese citizens therefore that they should seriously consider the matter and take the initial steps, in which we are sure they would have the full support of both official and non-official opinion to create an organised and public antipathy to the idea of the secret society."

BONUS SHARES.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO. DIVIDEND.

At the general meeting to be held on March 10, the directors of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. will (subject to audit) propose a dividend of \$2.50 per share for 1927 and the issue as a bonus of 150,000 fully paid shares on July 1, 1928, in the proportion of one share to every two shares held in the Company, the new issue of shares to rank for dividend as from date of issue.

BANK NOTES.

AMOUNTS IN CIRCULATION LAST MONTH.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month of January, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie In Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$17,590,412	\$5,800,000
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	54,847,870	\$4,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,919,842	680,000

Total ... 74,358,124 40,480,000
* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,268,300.
† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$1,287,205.
‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$150,000.

EXCHANGE.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	2/ 3/ 4
Bank on demand	2/ 5/ 10
Bank 30 days' sight	2/ 5/ 10
Bank 4 months' sight	2/ 5/ 10
Credit 4 months' sight	2/ 5/ 10
Documentary 4 months' sight	2/ 5/ 10

On Paris—	1245
Credit 4 months' sight	1320

On Berlin—	40 1/2
Credit 60 days' sight	50 1/2

On Bombay—	184
On Calcutta—	184
Wire	184
On demand	104

On Singapore—	80
On Manila—	98 1/2
On Shanghai—	78 1/2

On demand	78 1/2
80 days' sight (private paper)	78 1/2

On Yokohama—	104
Gold Leaf, 100 fine	(per tola)

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.60
Silver (per oz)	20 1/2

Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.

Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	28% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	34% dis.

Rev. A. G. Lee, B.A., lately C.M.S. Missionary in Western China, has been appointed Vicar of St. Benedict's, Everton, Liverpool.

NOTICE.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been placed on the list of Authorised Architects on his recent return to the Colony, has started a Practice and has opened an office for the present, in the China Building (6th floor), Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

J. S. GIBSON, Architect & Surveyor. Hong Kong, Feb. 4, 1928.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day to Monday—Queen's Theatre; "Ben Hur."
To-day—World Theatre; "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Crown of Lies."

February 6—Star Theatre; "Palm Beach Girl."
February 6—World Theatre; "Winning of Barbara Worth."
February 6—Dance at the Royal Engineers' Dance Club, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

February 6—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja the Dancer," Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

February 7—Star Theatre; "The Eagle."
February 7—World Theatre; "Irresistible Lover."

February 7—Queen's Theatre; "The Gaucho."
February 9—Star Theatre; "The Man Upstairs."

February 9—World Theatre; "Blarney."
February 12—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

February 15—Queen's Theatre; "The Magic Flame."
February 9—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 11—Concert and dance, Elliot Hall, H.K. University, 8 p.m.
February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.
To-day—Boxing tournament under the auspices of the H.K. Boxing Association, Lee Theatre, Percival Street.

February 12—Monthly spoon shoot of No. 2 Platoon (H.K.V.D.C.) Rifle Club, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

February 13, 14, 15, 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

Land Sale.
February 6—Three lots of Crown land at Prince Edward Rd., Ma Tau Wei, at P.W.D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Lammer's Auction.
February 7—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.
March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.
February 7—Twenty-third annual meeting of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

February 8—Annual meeting of Navy League (Hong Kong Branch), in board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 5.30 p.m.

February 9—Annual meeting of Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

February 9—Thirty-ninth meeting of the H.K. Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 16—Thirteenth annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

February 18—Ninth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 8.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

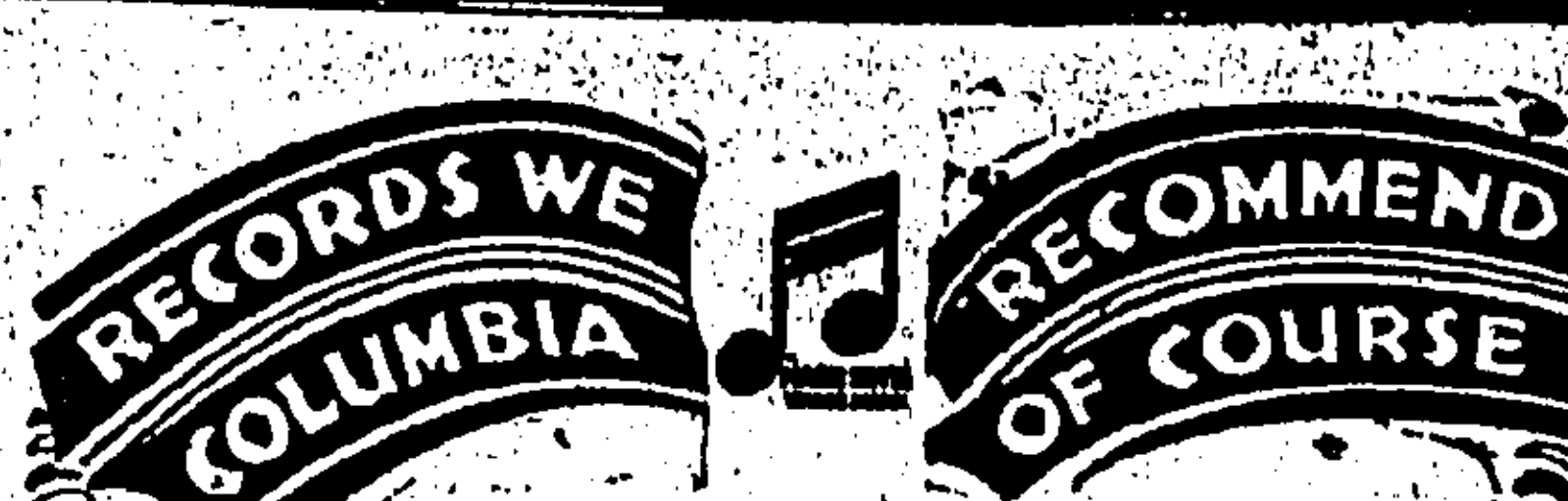
To-day—Opening of the New Club de Recreio edifice in King's Park, Kowloon, by H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Closing entries of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, noon.
February 5—Address by Mr. McCowan, at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 9 p.m.

February 5—Lecture on field day, Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m.

February 6—Lecture at Corps Headquarters for Mounted Infantry Co., 6 p.m.

February 17—Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.



- 9221—The Rose—Selection of English Airs—Grenadiers Guards Band.
- 9272—The Leek—Selection of Welsh Airs—Grenadiers Guards Band.
- 9185—Il Trovatore Selection—B.B.C. Orchestra.
- 9213—The Blue Train Selection—Parovall Mackey's Band.
- 9225—Classica—Selection—Organ Solo.
- 9135—Andantino—In A Monastery Garden.
- 9181—Humoresque—Prelude in C Sharp Minor.
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**A WEEK'S PAPERS
IN ONE****"OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"****CHINA NEWS, LOCAL NEWS****AND ALL THE NEWS****SEND IT HOME!**

Two incidents this week drew foreign attention once more to events in China. One is the departure of Sir John Duncan for England, the farewell to him in Shanghai being given considerable publicity all over the world. The other is the visit of Sir Miles Lampson to Shanghai, en route to the South, and the journey of Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, acting Inspector-General of Customs.

Merchants in both hemispheres are interested in the problem of China's Customs tariff. Local hongs should keep their connections posted as to movements. Full reports appear in this week's "Overland."

Hong Kong has seen a partial revival in the share and property markets, following developments in Canton, where the Reds are giving trouble but the Government is still firmly in control.

This week's "Overland" describes raids on places near the Colony's frontier. The news will provide informative reading to friends at home. It is the duty of people out here to ensure full intelligence being sent regularly.

How Hong Kong Scotsmen celebrated Burns' Night, how the triangular Interport golf tournament was played here, and how the Colony's Interport football teams fared at Shanghai are all mentioned in the "Overland China Mail."

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL"

The promotion of 2nd Lt. J. E. Hancock in the H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps to Lieut. has been approved by the Governor.

Captain and Mrs. del Court, having returned from Shanghai, are spending their leave at Chavenage, Totbury, Gloucestershire, before rejoining the 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment at Catterick, Yorkshire.

Dr. A. A. L. Rutgers, who is well known in the rubber plantation world for the research work he has done at the Buitenzorg Station in Java, has been nominated as the new Governor of the Dutch Colony of Surinam.

The marriage of Mr. Jack Rowland Dalton, of Luggi Plantations, F.M.S., and Margaret Kathleen, older daughter of the late Mr. James Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, of Limavady, Ireland, was to take place on January 2, in Singapore.

A group of Chinese in Peking, operating through old-established firms of merchants in Shanghai, is advertising in "The Times" for connection with a firm willing to receive consignments of Peking curios, embroideries, etc., on joint account basis.

It is stated that a traveller has arrived with a new dance, the Lama Blues, which he learned while in a Tibetan monastery. It appears that from time immemorial the priests of Tibet have been dancing a kind of Charleston without being aware of the fact.

Mr. Sydney Morgan, of the Federated Malay States, was one of the godparents at the christening, on December 30, in the parish church of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, of the infant son of Sir Ernest Holderness, Bt., and Lady Holderness.

A violent earthquake was registered on December 29, the epicentre being calculated to be in Eastern Asia. In this connection two sharp shocks were felt in Tokyo on December 31 and January 1, but happily these did not interfere with the New Year festivities.

Bishop Lander, who was formerly in Hong Kong, and is now assistant to the Bishop of St. Albans, had the misfortune to fall on the icebound road and break an arm. Notwithstanding he preached in Holy Trinity Church, New Barnet, with his arm in splints.

The Diocesan Boys' School is now back at its own premises in Kowloon, recently used by the Military as a General Hospital. The new term begins on February 13 and applicants for admission should attend on February 11. Particulars will be seen in an advertisement on page 3.

There was an Oriental flavour about some of the New Year festivities in London. At the May Fair Hotel the decorations were in scarlet, gold and green to a Japanese design. Japanese lanterns hung amid the flowers. At the Savoy a Chinese garden in red lacquer, with four green dragons, magnolias, lotus flowers and scarlet poinsettias was the principal decoration.

H.M. the King has awarded the King's Police Medal to Kenneth Walter Andrew, Sub-Inspector, Hong Kong Police Force. This unique distinction is awarded to Det. Sub-Inspector Andrew for services in connection with an armed robbery in the Chin Wan district. He is now in charge of the District Watchmen attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The King has given the following gentlemen authority to wear decorations which have been conferred on them by the Emperor of Japan in recognition of valuable services:—Order of the Rising Sun.—Insignia of the Second Class.—Mr. John Rao. Insignia of the Third Class.—Mr. Ewen Allan Cameron. Order of the Sacred Treasure.—Insignia of Second Class.—Sir Charles Stewart Addis, Sir Newton John Stabb.

Lord Inchequo has received a telegram from the King of Afghanistan thanking him for the arrangements made for himself and the Queen on board the P. and O. liner "Rajputana," which conveyed their Majesties from Bombay to Port Said. His Majesty added:—"The Queen and myself will always remember the voyage in the 'Rajputana' as one of the most pleasant experiences of our lives."

The death is announced of Surgeon-Rear-Admiral Sir Percy William Bassett-Smith, well known as a specialist in tropical medicine and a past-President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Sir Percy, who entered the Royal Navy as a surgeon at the age of 22, joined the Royal School of Tropical Medicine in 1889 and became Lecturer on Tropical Medicine and Bacteriology at the Royal Naval Medical School, Haslar, in the following year. He was afterwards Professor and Lecturer at the Medical School of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and became a Harley Street Consultant on Tropical Diseases. He was created K.C.B. six years ago.

Names of certified midwives are published in the current issue of the "Gazette."

Akyab, February 3.—The R. A. F. flying boats have arrived from Calcutta.—Reuter.

New York, February 3.—The Federal Reserve Bank has increased its rediscount rate to four per cent.

Three months from date, the name of the Chian Sun Motion Pictures Co., Ltd. will be struck off the register unless cause is shown to the contrary.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the Ordinance to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance of 1891.

Tenders are called for in the "Gazette" for the supply of concrete sleepers for the Kowloon-Canton Railway and building of a new construction block at Victoria Road.

Lt.-Col. E. D. Matthews, secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, has been appointed treasurer as well. As from March 1, Mr. B. O. Blaker will act as secretary and treasurer during the absence on leave of Lt.-Col. Matthews.

In memory of eight Indian soldiers who died in Hong Kong during the war, a stone tablet has been erected near the Crematorium at Homantin, Kowloon, this being at the suggestion of the Imperial War Graves Commission. The unveiling ceremony is to take place shortly.



Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, mother of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, who is improving from an attack of influenza at her home in Northampton, Mass. Although 79-years old, Mrs. Goodhue is making a 'valiant' fight against the disease and her physicians report that she has a good chance of recovering.

Lieutenant-Colonel S. Gordon Johnson, late of the South Staffordshire Regiment, and his wife have returned to London after a shooting journey of 1,200 miles from Kashmir to Tibet and back across the Himalayas. Colonel and Mrs. Johnson were accompanied by six native servants, 10 transport men with 15 yaks, a herd of sheep for food, and a herd of goats to provide milk. They secured a Tibetan antelope at a height of 21,000 feet.

The analysis of the Parliamentary voting for 1927 shows that a former Singaporean, Mr. F. G. Penny, the Member for Kingston, comes very near the top with 441 divisions out of a possible 450. This record is beaten by only one member, Capt. Bowyer, a fellow Whip, with 450, a record, to his credit. The "Times" says "it is difficult to suppose that any achievement of the kind in the annals of the House of Commons surpasses, if it can equal, this record for 1927." When we remember that Mr. Penny has fulfilled a large number of engagements in his own constituency and in other parts of the country apart from his duties in the House, and that he was not elected a Whip until after the session started, his achievement is one of which he and the constituency may well be proud.

It has been learned with deep regret in Inverness and on the estates of The Mackintosh of Mackintosh that Mr. George A. R. Mackintosh, the heir to the chiefship of Clun Chattan, has died at Bangkok, where he was manager of a branch of a leading export company. He was the second son of the late Alexander Mackintosh, and grandson of the late Angus Mackintosh of Daviot. The heir had only returned to Siam after a holiday at home, where he visited his cousin, the present chief, at Moy Hall. Mr. Mackintosh was in his 44th year, was unmarried, and is survived by a younger brother, Mr. Alexander Mackintosh, who is farming in Rhodesia. The eldest brother was Mr. Angus Mackintosh, who accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton to the Antarctic, and lost his life on the second expedition.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Walter Sale and the Hon. Iremay FitaRoy will take place at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, on February 8.

The Russian Academy of Sciences is organising, in the summer of 1928, an oceanographic and hydro-biological expedition to the Sea of Japan. This will be part of the big international research work to be carried on in the Pacific Ocean, undertaken in accordance with the decision of the last Pacific Congress held in Tokyo.

While crossing the River Hamble in a canoe late on the night of December 31, with the object of boarding a houseboat, a party of four Southampton people were thrown into ice-cold water through the craft capsizing. Three were drowned, including Dorothy Irene Cullen, (89), wife of a quartermaster on the P. and O. steamship "Malwa," and her 18-year-old daughter.

The death is announced, at the age of 70, of Mr. George Cockburn Jack, long a familiar figure in submarine telegraphy. Fifty-one years ago he joined the accountant's department of the Eastern Telegraph Co., and 40 years ago he became the accountant to the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Co., a position which he held at the time of his death.

Interesting articles on countries and particular spots to visit, with information as to travelling facilities are contained in the latest "Far Eastern Traveller's Gazette," an illustrated journal published by Thomas Cook and Son. The longer articles include "Britain a land of loveliness," "A new way to Europe," "Japan as a tourist country," and "The lure of Algeria," whilst there are notes on multitudinous journeys and how to accomplish them in comfort, with references to time-tables, hotels, and, in fact, all the information that intending travellers find most valuable.

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SPORTS

DAVIS CUP DRAW.

HOW NATIONS HAVE BEEN PAIRED OFF.

FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS.

Paris, Yesterday.
The complete draw for the Davis Cup annual lawn tennis international competition resulted as follows:—

European Zone.

First Round:—
Australia v. Italy.
Roumania v. Belgium.
Germany v. Greece.
Chili v. Spain.
Jugo-Slavia v. Finland.
Argentina v. Britain.
Hungary v. Norway.
Ireland v. Holland.
Poland v. Denmark.
Philippines v. Austria.
South Africa v. Sweden.
Second Round:—
India v. Switzerland.
Portugal v. New Zealand.
Szech-Slovakia v. Winner of South Africa-Sweden tie.

American Zone.

First Round:—
Cuba v. Japan.
United States v. Mexico.
Second Round:—
Canada v. winner of Cuba-Japan tie.
China v. winner of United States-Mexico tie.—Reuter.

[Note: Each tie consists of four singles and one doubles matches. The zone winners meet for the right of challenging the holders, France, who won for the first time last year.]

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING.

SEATHOLDERS, PLEASE NOTE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."] Sir:—Owing to a misunderstanding between the Association and Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., the public have been informed at the booking office, that the first ten rows of the stalls at the Lee Theatre are priced at \$5, instead of \$3.

Any members of the public who have paid \$5 for any of these seats may obtain the necessary refund from Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., and in like manner the seats for which \$3 have been paid may be adjusted as to position in the Theatre, either by communication with Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., or at the Theatre on Saturday evening.

Yours, etc.

T. G. BENNETT.

Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong Boxing Association.
Hong Kong, Feb. 3, 1928.

BOXERS FOR JAPAN.

Low Pacion, a bantamweight, and Syd. Omar, a featherweight, may leave the Philippines this month for an invasion of the boxing rings of Japan. In response to a petition received from a prominent Japanese showman, in which Eddie Tait was asked to send two Manila fighters to engage in a series of bouts with the best Japanese boxing talent, the Stadium boss has tentatively set his eyes on these two pug, says a P.I. paper.

NAVY'S VICTORY.

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY MATCH.

In their second last match yesterday in the Sim Shield hockey tournament, the Royal Navy defeated the Royal Air Force by three goals to one and remain at the top of the table.

Lt. Sladen scored all three goals for the winners, the first two in the first quarter of an hour and the third in the last ten minutes. Flying Officer Arbutnot was successful for the Air Force just before half-time.

The positions of the Clubs to date are:—

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Royal Navy	5	4	1	20	6	8
The Army	4	3	1	12	9	6
H.K.H. Club	4	1	3	8	15	2
Royal Air Force	3	0	3	2	12	0

TENNIS POSTPONED.

Owing to the unfavourable weather conditions the finals of the United Services Recreation Club lawn tennis tournament (arranged for this afternoon) will not be decided until sometime next week.

SOCCER SUSPENSION.

W. Lawrence of the Club de Re-creio Reserves has been suspended by the local football authorities for "deliberately kicking an opponent" in a league match last Saturday against South A.A. at Happy Valley.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian R. C. "B" team v. University "B" to-morrow at Sookumpoo:—M. P. Madar (captain), A. S. Sufaid, R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, U. T. Thad, E. M. K. Mubhooy, M. R. Abbas, A. M. Rumjahn, A. Rahmln.

GOLF CHALLENGE.

W. C. LYLE & COLONEL BOGEY.

24 BALLS PER-HOLE BET.

Mr. W. C. Lyle, who many Hong Kong golfers will remember, has issued a challenge through the "Singapore Free Press" to an anonymous writer who signs himself "Colonel Bogey." Part of the challenge reads:—

"... nor am I in need of the hundred dollars which your correspondent has so generously offered to put up, but I will make him an offer which appears to me to be considerably more sporting and generally more appropriate than his own. I invite him to drop his 'nom de guerre,' meet me at the Adelphi Hotel, and arrange a match for the Buki Timah Golf Course, in which I shall be pleased to give him his Club handicap and bet him a couple of dozen balls on every hole. This will give him an opportunity of earning considerably more than a hundred dollars, and of satisfying his keen personal interest in my play at the closet possible range."

FANLING GOLF.

TEEING-OFF TIMES FOR TO-MORROW.

Starting times of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at the Fanling course to-morrow are:—

9.24 a.m.	G. Murray and Lt.-Com. Brown.
9.28	C. B. Brown and A. Somerfelt.
9.32	J. D. H. Crawford and R. H. C. Ashby.
9.36	R. A. Green and F. M. Ellis.
9.40	J. G. Shillington and A. K. Henderson.
9.44	Capt. Perfect and H. R. Forsyth.
9.48	H. A. Lammert and L. Nantz.
9.52	A. E. Lissaman and C. E. Brown.
9.56	C. C. Stark and I. H. Geare.
10.00	Capt. A. G. Dobbie and J. L. Christie.
10.04	J. H. A. Hankey and K. S. Morrison.
10.08	E. R. Hallifax and E. D. Matthews.
10.12	P. Cowherd and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.16	A. Leuch and D. J. Gilmore.
10.20	E. P. Streatfield and N. H. Procter.
10.24	B. D. Evans and D. Forbes.
10.28	D. M. Goodall and A. W. Roberts.
10.32	Major Ogilvy and W. L. Dunbar.
10.36	A. B. S. Clarke and W. Ironside.
10.40	W. A. Butterfield and J. Cameron.
10.44	W. C. Clark and W. A. Weight.
10.48	A. Webster and G. Vickers.
10.52	E. J. Mahon and E. Stone.
10.56	E. Davidson and C. B. Johnson.
11.00	W. Beveridge and F. H. Swayne.
11.04	A. R. Cox and A. W. Hodges.
11.08	F. Taylor and A. B. Purves.
11.12	S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
11.16	W. A. Stewart and T. Low.
11.20	C. P. Ross and A. W. Hay Edie.
11.24	M. H. Ivy and G. Davidson.
11.28	G. E. Ellams and G. Coulthart.
11.32	K. M. Grayburn and J. H. Raikes.
11.36	H. R. Sturt and S. R. Waller.
11.40	H. Rogers and F. G. Fowle.
11.44	A. D. Humphreys and C. L. Sandes.
11.48	H. Spicer and J. Haig.
11.52	P. P. J. Wodehouse and D. H. Blake.
11.56	R. P. Moodie and M. G. Mills.

In the New South Wales-Victoria match at Melbourne, W. A. Oldfield did not concede one bye in an innings of 385 runs.

The Australian cricketer, W. H. Ponsford, is in wonderful batting form just now. He has made three successive centuries in the Sheffield Shield competition, and in getting 202 broke the Australian record of five scores of 200 or over in first-class cricket, which was held jointly by M. A. Noble and W. W. Armstrong.

The Manila Yacht Club will soon have a home of its own, it was decided at the second annual meeting of the organisation. The site, near Port San Antonio Abad, has been selected, and plans are drawn for the building, construction of which will be started at an early date.

Bobby Jones, with sensational victories at scores in the British open and the American national amateur golf championships, was not only the outstanding golfer of 1927 but he convinced even the old hard-bolled, weather-beaten Scots that he is perhaps the greatest golfer of all times, says an American writer.

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MOTURING SECTION

MOVING CYLINDERS.

TWIN OPPOSED ENGINE.

Considerable interest has of late been centred round the development of the two-stroke engine, both in America and on the Continent, with the result that many new designs are being tried out by various inventors, and the types as a whole are rapidly approaching a state of perfection. Two of the most prominent of the latter types are represented in the Duesenberg straight eight, and the two-cylinder horizontally opposed engine in which the pistons worked in cylinder barrels, which themselves were reciprocated by a special cam gear.

Since then a new type has been developed which, although possessing the same basic principles as the latter motor, is perhaps a little more simple and efficient. This engine is of the horizontally opposed two-cylinder type, and the pistons are coupled to connecting rods which work side by side upon the crank-pin of a three-throw crankshaft. Surrounding each piston is a cylinder barrel with a closed head, and each barrel is connected by short rods to the outer throws of the crankshaft, these throws being set at 180 degrees to the central throw. As a result of this the cylinder barrels reciprocate in a direction always opposite to that in which the two pistons are moving. By this arrangement, power is transmitted to the crankshaft not only by the pistons and their connecting rods, but also through the cylinder barrels, explosions taking place between each piston and the barrel head. To keep the force transmitted through the barrels, from having a distorting effect on them, a connecting rod is provided on each side of the barrel, which produces a balancing effect. Further balancing of the reciprocating parts has been provided by adjusting the length of the stroke of the various parts, and the barrels, which necessarily weigh more than the pistons, have a stroke only a third that of the pistons.

Second Pumping Space.

Each cylinder barrel works in an outer cylinder, and there is a space between the two cylinder heads; also at the inner end a further pumping space is provided between the outwardly flanged end of the barrel and an extension of the cylinder itself. The latter pumping space is utilized to precompress air, which, at the end of the exhaust stroke, enters the combustion chamber through ports, and produces a scavenging action that cools the cylinder and piston and removes practically all the exhaust gases. The second pumping space available beyond the head of the cylinder barrel is used to suck mixture from the carburettor and deliver it to the combustion space under pressure at an appropriate point of the cycle.

Various ports are cut in cylinder and in the barrel (which acts as a sleeve valve), these being used for the admission of scavenging air, the exhaust of burnt gases, the transfer of mixture from the pre-compressing cylinder and the induction of mixture into the space outside the barrel head. All this is done by means of the ports in the walls, so that there are no poppet valves, springs, or cams. The engine works on the two stroke principle, and through the compression spaces at each end of the barrel is practically a supercharged job. The oiling system is rather ingenious, the whole engine being oiled by means of an oil mist introduced by the scavenging air.

Altogether the engine seems to be of a successful design; it is easy starting, and is capable of very high speeds, which of course are conducive to economy, and to high power in proportion to the cylinder space and engine weight.

Yet another feature of this engine is that, by means of a simple attachment, it is possible to obtain compressed air for the operation of a pressure fuel feed system, pneumatic horn, and also for the inflation of the tyres.

NEW CAR ON TRIAL.

14-H.P. TALBOT A BRITISH PRODUCT.

A new car, which first made its appearance a year ago at the Motor Show, and is now in the hands of the public in considerable numbers, is the 14/46 h.p. six-cylinder Talbot, which may be regarded as one of the latest attempts on the part of the British industry to combat the American invasion, as it is still called in some quarters. The American industry prides itself on giving us roomy touring cars, either closed or open, with six-cylinder engines of such power as to provide good performance at the cost of very little effort, to sell at \$500 or \$600. There are numbers of these on the market which have given satisfaction to their owners for some years, and until recently few European factories made any serious attempt to compete with them.

The Talbot sells at \$395 for the open touring car and \$485 for the coach-built saloon, and, considering its performance, is certainly a notable retort to its trans-Atlantic competitors. A good deal is given to the purchaser for his \$395, rather more, I fancy, than in some of the American examples. In the first place, there is a four-speed gear-box, controlled from the right-hand side. Further, the engine is unusually small, and the annual tax is only \$14, as compared with the \$20 or so of the average six-cylinder American car. As a matter of fact, the cubic content of the Talbot is only a little over a litre and a half, not much more than that of the average four-cylinder 12 h.p. light car.

Engine And Ignition.
 The engine, which is of the usual monobloc type, is remarkably neat in its general turn-out. The overhead valves are operated by push-rods and rockers enclosed in the usual cover. While at work they are lubricated by an oil vapour drawn up from the sump, the rocker-gear being also lubricated under pressure from the main oil system. The bore and stroke are 61 x 95, the R.A.C. rating being 13.8 h.p. The carburettor occupies an unusual position, at the forward end of the cylinder block, the inlet manifold running under the length of the exhaust. I could find no trace of any unevenness of running due to this rather rare design. Everything about the engine is neatly arranged.

Ignition is by coil and battery, with the junction-box containing all the wiring connections very accessibly placed. Magneto dual ignition with a coil and changeover switch can be obtained for an extra charge of fifteen guineas. In both cases the advance and retard are automatic. A point that appealed to me particularly was a long-handled plug by which the sump could be emptied without the necessity for crawling under the car and undoing the usual type of screw plug. The radiator is mounted on an extension of the engine, and not on the frame.

Low Gear Ratios.
 The power is taken from the gear-box to the back axle by an enclosed propeller shaft. The layout of the frame is very robust, there being formidable cross girders in the centre. A peculiar feature of the chassis design is that the side members narrow in at the radiator well inside the front springs, and then spread out again to form the dumb irons at a noticeable angle. The suspension is by semi-elliptical on the front axle, and by semi-cantilever shock absorbers are fitted to both axles.

The gear ratios are unusually low, top speed being 5.9 to 1, third 9.6 to 1, second 13.5 to 1, and first 23 to 1. In spite of this, however, the speed of the car on top gear approximates to a mile a minute, and even when the engine is working under full load there is no unpleasant sensation of overdriving. Naturally, with the low-geared intermediate speeds the acceleration and pick-up are of a lively order, but with the smooth running of the engine the behaviour of the car is anything but disagreeable. It does its work very readily, and there is very little engine vibration.

Comfortable Steering.
 There are several hills on which I make a point of testing the climbing powers of the cars sent to me for trial, and for the Talbot I chose Pebblecombe, near Boxhill, which has a final gradient of 1 in 6. It was necessary to change down to

THE BOXSPANNER

NUTS IN AWKWARD PLACES.

Very often a lack of space around the engine will prevent the use of a box spanner when the tommy-bar is pushed through it at right angles, and only a makeshift job can be made of tightening an awkwardly placed nut by knocking it with a hammer and punch. On most engines of recent design there are, as a rule, very few places that cannot be got at with a box spanner, yet it sometimes happens that the most important nuts are in the most awkward places, necessitating some efficient means of tightening them.

It will be found in most cases that if a suitable box spanner be slipped over the nut, a smaller spanner can be fitted into the end, thus raising the height of the hole in which the tommy-bar is placed. This extension can be carried out through two or three stages, if there are sufficient spanners available, and quite a firm pressure can be exerted on the nut.

If the faces of the spanner are not perfectly square, however, the extension of the spanners should not be attempted, as the edges will be spoiled when the pressure is applied.

GENERAL HINTS.

TO PROTECT THE MUFFLER.

One of the most neglected and, perhaps, the most awkward part to replace on the car is the muffler. Generally, it gets no attention at all until it has rusted through and demands replacement. A simple way of preventing rust formation on this part is to paint it over occasionally with old engine oil. The heat developed when the car is running soon causes a protective coat of carbon to form and the muffler cover under these conditions will last the life of the car.

Drilling Large Holes.
 The average motorist does not often have to drill holes larger than about half an inch in diameter, and consequently if a larger hole is required at any time the requisite drill is not, as a rule, available. If this is the case, a circle of the desired diameter of the hole should be marked out with a compass and a number of small holes drilled inside it, and as close to the edge as possible without actually touching it. This will allow a piece of metal to be removed from the centre, leaving a rough hole that can be easily trued up with a small half-round file.

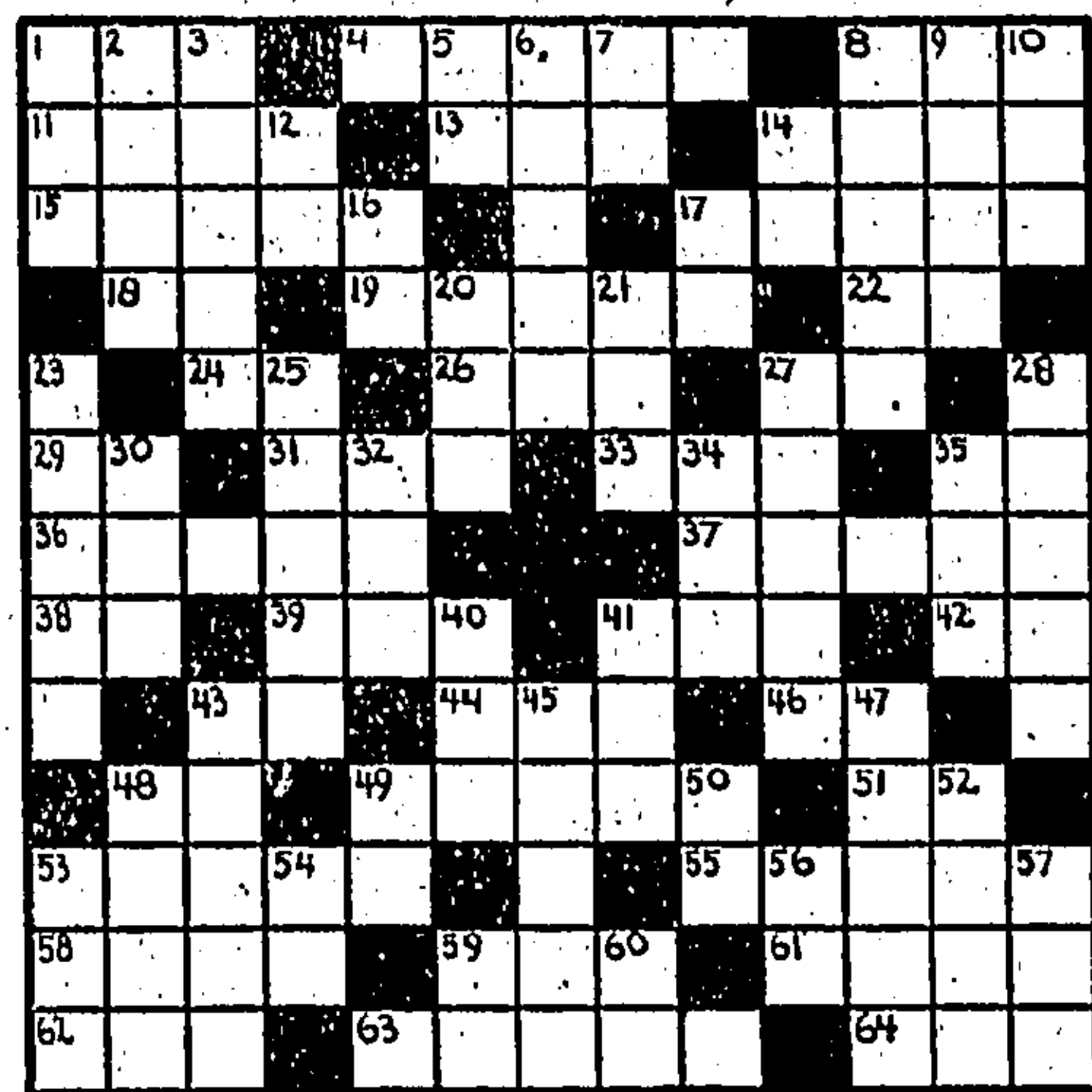
Cleaning Headlamp Reflectors.
 Very often when the reflectors of the headlamps get dull, due to the action of the weather, the tendency of the motor owner is to clean them with brass or some other similar compound. This should never be done, as it quickly takes the plating metal away, thus ruining the reflector. The correct way is to get a little lamp black or jewellers' rouge. These, applied with a little water, will bring the surfaces back to their normal brightness without damaging the plating in any way.

second speed to get the saloon car up in proper fashion, but the speed did not drop below fifteen miles an hour, and there was plenty of power in hand. Gear changing I found easy to manage noiselessly, except between third and fourth and vice versa. This was not actually a difficult change, but it was not easy to accomplish it at speed without a slight scrape. Third and second gears struck me as rather noisy under load, the latter in particular having a rather high-pitched ringing note.

It is a pleasant car to handle, the steering being particularly comfortable. The four-wheel brake set could be improved in respect of its power, but the set operated by the hand lever was excellent. The car is well sprung and holds the road well on bad surface and round bends. The body is a smart piece of work, and the car, generally speaking, is excellently turned out.—John Priorious in the "Observer."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, play, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Mischiefous sprite
- 4-Contrary to truth
- 6-Expression of disapproval
- 11-A water-craft
- 13-Concealed
- 14-A musty, rank smell
- 15-Popular breakfast dish
- 17-Science of correct thinking
- 18-Prefix. From
- 19-To cry as a goat
- 22-Pronoun
- 24-Tierce (abbr.)
- 26-A drink
- 27-Ferrum (chem. sym.)
- 29-Preposition
- 31-One of the grains
- 33-Spanish for river
- 35-Associate of Arts (abbr.)
- 36-A cowardly dressed woman
- 37-Suffix denoting a science
- 38-East Indies (abbr.)
- 39-To swab
- 40-French for "yes"
- 42-Each (abbr.)
- 43-Musical note
- 44-Farther or more distant
- 45-Preposition

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 48-Country of Europe (abbr.)
- 49-A young hog
- 51-Army corps (abbr.)
- 53-Tailor's smoothing iron
- 55-The spirit of misrule (Gr. Myth.)
- 58-River of Tuscany, Italy
- 59-Venomous snake
- 61-Order of mammals embracing the whale
- 62-Conducted
- 63-A slanting joint
- 64-Condensed moisture

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17-An army officer (abbr.)
- 20-Latitude (abbr.)
- 21-Combining form meaning air
- 23-Restaurant
- 25-Punctuation mark
- 27-Page of a book
- 28-Island of the Azores group
- 29-Prefix. Three
- 32-Prefix. Off
- 34-I owe you (abbr.)
- 35-To grow old
- 40-Expression of contempt
- 41-Often (post.)
- 42-A broad leaf
- 43-Pain of
- 46-Renowned
- 48-At the bow
- 50-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 52-A letter
- 53-Measure of capacity (abbr.)
- 54-Thus
- 56-Large body of water
- 57-To make with needle and thread
- 59-American institute (abbr.)
- 60-One of the churches (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

TWO HEROES.

The hero of a recent motor cycling race was a man who rode the whole 200 miles with a wasp inside his collar, stinging him without intermission (says "Beachcomber," of the "Daily Express"). This is undoubtedly a record, and proves not only the endurance of the man, but also that of the wasp. It must have been a close thing which of the two would get sick of it first, and after the first hundred miles neither of them can have had much fun out of his particular job.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928, CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam	18' 8" B	12' 8" B
Tytam Byewash	25' 4" B	28' 6" B
Tytam Intermediate Level	12' 11" B	22' 0" B
Tytam Tuk	12' 11" B	15' 4" B
Wong Nei Chung	17' 11" B	19' 3" B
Pokfulum	17' 11" B	19' 3" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A. denotes "Above Overflow".)		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Tytam	278.72	288.76
Tytam Byewash	59	33
Tytam Intermediate	105.90	105.90
Tytam Tuk	1,121.75	926.98
Wong Nei Chung	13.65	13.46
Pokfulum	28.36	28.82

Total 1,638.91 1,442.25
 Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	244.29	271.58
Estimated population 1927	407,920	417,940
Consumption per head per day	19.3	20.9

Full Supply in all Ridor Main Districts during December, 1927 with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Intermittent Supply was given from 1st to 31st December, 1927.

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N LEAVEN SEEN	C
DELETED CHARGES	C

tent Supply was given from 4th to 31st December, 1927.

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ..	7' 0" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reser-voir ..	0' 7" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir ..	3' 4" B	2' 3" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ..	283.50	280.42
Shek Lai Pui Reser-voir ..	88.40	96.37
Reception Reservoir ..	24.55	27.24

Total 406.45 404.03
 Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption	74.89	88.68
Estimated population 1927	158,140	168,150
per day	17.6	17.6

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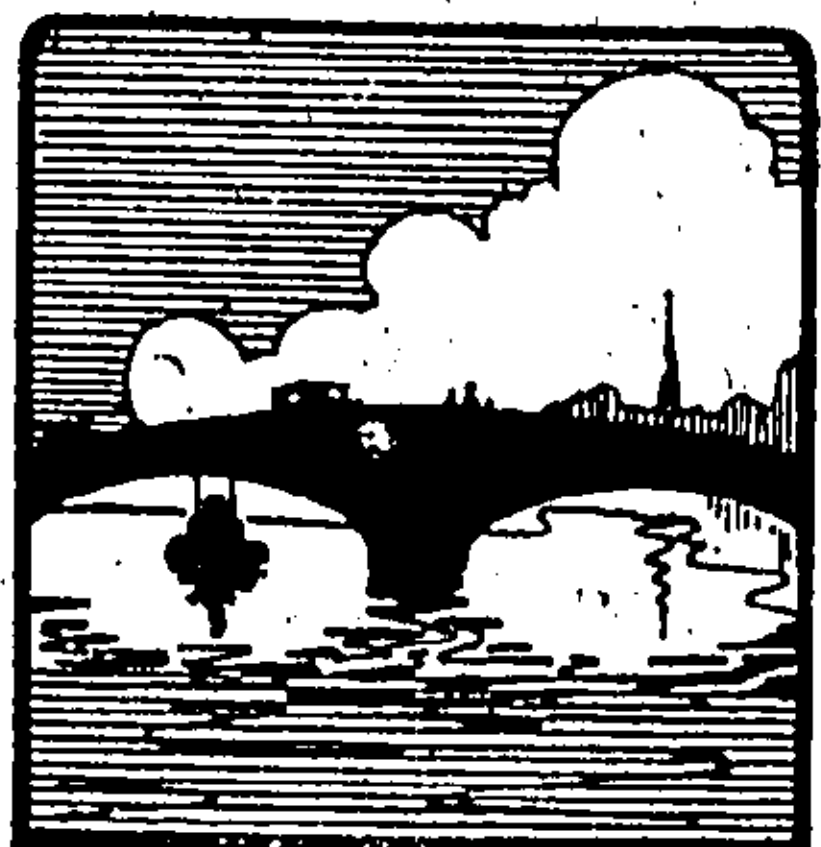
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BLOOD TESTS.AS EVIDENCE OF
PATERNITY.

THE GERMAN CASES.

The use of blood tests to determine paternity is illustrated by two legal cases reported from Germany. The first was heard in Wurttemberg, where a woman applying for an affiliation order swore that a certain man was the father of her illegitimate child. The defence countered by producing evidence that the characteristics of the infant's blood were incompatible with this relationship. The blood of the man, they said, was of one type, and the woman's was of another; it was impossible that the union of two such persons could have produced offspring whose blood had the characteristics demonstrated. By which reasoning the Court was so far convinced as to sentence the woman to six months' imprisonment for perjury. The second case was of the same kind, but the judgment delivered on it by the highest Prussian Court was in a contrary sense. Similar medical evidence was brought to refute a charge of paternity, and the general validity of the blood tests was admitted. Apparently, however, a witness stated that in a series of over 2,000 cases investigated in 1926 there had been one exception to the rules and the Court accordingly decided that the tests do not provide the absolute proof required by the law.

Before commenting on these judgments, it is convenient to consider the origin and nature of the new tests, whose use for legal purposes is no more than adventitious. They have arisen as a by-product of the operation known as blood transfusion—that is to say, the transference of blood from the veins of one individual to those of another. After sudden haemorrhage, and in many forms of disease, such reinforcement is of great value, and has been from time to time attempted by surgeons for hundreds of years. But the technical difficulties have always been considerable, and even when they had been overcome it was still found that the operation sometimes caused dangerous symptoms—such as shock and unconsciousness—even sudden death. Thus it came to be realised that the blood of some human beings is incompatible with that of others, producing a violent and dangerous reaction if injected into the body.

Although blood appears homogeneous it really consists of discrete corpuscles floating in an almost colourless fluid known as serum. It is easy to separate these two constituents, and it was found that if a drop of serum from one person was added to a drop of blood from another, the conjunction sometimes caused the corpuscles to run together in clumps. To this "agglutination" the poisonous effects of transfusion were evidently due, and it became the practice, before starting the operation, to make sure that the bloods of the two individuals concerned did not show this antagonism to each other under the microscope.

Classification of Blood. Even simpler means preventing accidents are now, however, available; for it has been discovered that the blood of all human beings falls into one of four groups. The tests which define these groups depend on a theory that human blood corpuscles may contain one or both of two substances, called A and B. Similarly, human serum may contain one or both of two substances, a and b. It is impossible for A and a to coexist in one individual, for the result of their meeting is agglutination of the blood corpuscles—a phenomenon which also occurs when b meets B. Thus there are four possible types of blood, known as Groups I, II, III, and IV, containing (A plus B), (A plus b), (a plus B), and (a plus b) respectively. A person's group can be ascertained by putting two drops of his blood at opposite ends of a glass slide and adding a serum from Group III to the one, and b serum from Group II to the other. Within a few minutes one, both, or neither of the drops will show clumping of the corpuscles, and will thus reveal the group to which their owner belongs.

It may be remarked in passing that the evil effects of transfusion only occur when the corpuscles of the donor are susceptible of agglutination by the serum of the recipient—i.e., the patient whose blood is being supplemented. This means that the blood of people in Group IV, (who comprise some 40 per cent. of the population) can safely be transferred to anyone of whatever group. A roll of these "universal donors" is kept at hospitals so that they can be called on to give their blood in an emergency without further investigation.

Value of the Tests as Evidence. One medico-legal application of these tests is to the examination of blood-stains, for it can sometimes be shown that the blood from a given stain could not have been shed by the person to whom it is attributed. Their use to refute allegations of paternity is not so simple, since it depends on our knowledge of the way in which the characteristics of the blood are inherited. The available evidence indicates that A and B are "dominant" characters, whilst a and b are "recessive." On this assumption A and B can never be found in the blood of a child unless they are present in that of the father or the mother. For instance, a child who belongs to Group II cannot have sprung from two Group IV parents.

In Austria the tests have been

EX-COUNCILLOR.PRISON FOR ROBBING THE
POOR.

LOAN CLUB FRAUD.

William Paddock, aged 32, a plumber's mate, a former chairman of Bethnal Green Housing Committee, who came into prominence in connection with his tenancy of one of the flats at the Lenin Estate, pleaded guilty at Old Street Police Court to fraudulently converting to his own use and benefit two sums of £5 entrusted to him for safe custody. He was sentenced to five months' imprisonment in the second division.

Detective Dawson said that Paddock was a secretary, trustee, and everything else in connection with the Coventry Mutual Loan and Investment Club. No money at all had been paid out. "This is one of the worst cases of its kind in Bethnal Green for some time," said the detective. "The people concerned are among the poorest, some of them with very young children."

Those people had hoped to receive money for their Christmas dinners, and had not had a farthing. Paddock had run the club for two years, and told him (the officer) that he took some of the money the first year and borrowed to pay it back. When the second year started he had again to take money.

People had been led to entrust Paddock with money on account of his position, as he was a member of the Bethnal Green Borough Council at the time. Paddock had been out of work and had received money from the guardians. Mr. Clarke said: As the officer rightly says, this is a very bad case indeed. You have taken and used money entrusted to you by other people. They saved up their money in order to have a happy Christmas with their families, and you have had it all. You must go to prison for three months on the first charge and two months on the second charge. They will be consecutive. That will be five months. I will make it in the second division as it is your first offence.

Disowned by Party. The Lenin Estate, so-called because the Bethnal Green Borough Council, which has a Communist Socialist majority, dedicated it as a memorial to the Bolshevik revolutionary leader, cost £28,000. Paddock, while chairman of the Housing Committee, was, from among at least 1,500 applicants, given possession of one of the first of the flats, and this caused considerable anger in the district. Complaints afterwards reached "The Daily Mail" from residents in Bethnal Green regarding the circumstances in which their applications for the flats were treated.

Later the Socialists and Communists on the council decided to disown themselves from Paddock and to deprive him of his post of Socialist Whip. This was followed by a statement in the Workers' Life, the official organ of the Communist Party of Great Britain, that the local recommendation that Paddock "is expelled from the Communist Party for acting contrary to the interests of the working class" had been endorsed.

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accepted in the law-courts for more than a year, and a number of men who had been paying for the support of their alleged children have had their cases reopened and by this kind of evidence have made good their denial of paternity.

Without knowing more about the "exceptional" case which influenced the Prussian judges in their decision, it is impossible to assess its significance. The tests are believed to rest on a sound foundation and to be reliable within the limits indicated; but, as the "Lancet" points out, the British courts do not always accept the most definite scientific evidence without reservation. Even proof of identity by finger-prints, though used by the police for purposes of detection, is seldom invoked in order to secure the conviction of a criminal—"Observer."

"WEAKLINGS."DOCTOR ON PARENTS AND
NERVES.

SPOILED CHILDREN.

"We do not want too much cotton wool or hot-house treatment to develop the kind of boy which this country wants," said Dr. L. R. Lempiere, Medical Officer of Hallsbury College, speaking at the Public Institute of Health, London, on "The Health of the Public Schoolboy." Dr. Lempiere, who has been at Hallsbury for twenty-five years, said it was his experience that boys returned to school after holidays out of condition. The time allowed for bathing at public schools, he thought, was much too long, and was responsible for a considerable amount of debility and loss of weight. Twenty minutes in the school swimming-plunge was ample. He found that the public schoolboy of to-day was taller than the boy of forty years ago, but was more of a Sybarite and a weakling. There were more weaklings at the English public schools to-day than formerly, although it was not public school life which was responsible for this. It was due to the material supplied; it was not the soil, but the seed.

The weakling type of boy was found more in the public schools of the South than in those of the North, and represented from 10 to 15 per cent. of the whole school population. Catarrhal defects caused more illness, loss of work and play, and interfered more with the happiness of boys than any other disease. Nasal hygiene was in a deplorable condition in most public schools, but dental hygiene was very good. Parents were mainly responsible for nervous ailments among boys.

The highly nervous boy was invariably found to be a spoiled child, and the best possible cure was the public school life. Defective eyesight was very common, and 20 to 25 per cent. of those who entered the schools had bad eyesight. The effect of public school life on the individual was in the majority of cases beneficial, and resulted in the weakling becoming robust, and the nervous boy growing confident and self-controlled. Many people considered that the public school was not the place for the weakling, but he disagreed. He quite recognised that such a boy was a nuisance and an anxiety, but he had as much right as the robust to the advantages which the system offered.

"In our public schools we undoubtedly had a very much higher standard of cleanliness, both personal and general," he said. The food was good, but there was an insufficiency of fresh fruit. The hours of work required some modification in the case of the small boy, who worked as long as his elder brother in the higher forms. Only in the summer time should study be demanded before breakfast. At Hallsbury he forbade the wearing of overcoats except when sports were being witnessed, or during railway journeys. He believed that a boy should keep himself warm by his own active movements.

Colonel John Buchan, M.P., who presided, hoped that Dr. Lempiere's next lecture would deal with "The Neurotic Pathology of Parents." (Laughter).

BIG BOND FRAUD.ANOTHER MAN ARRESTED
IN PARIS.

Paris.—The biggest financial scandal in France since the historic Panama Bond affair is said to be imminent as the result of the latest development of the £10,000,000 Hungarian Bond fraud, the inquiry into which has been going on for more than two months and in connection with which 16 arrests have so far been made.

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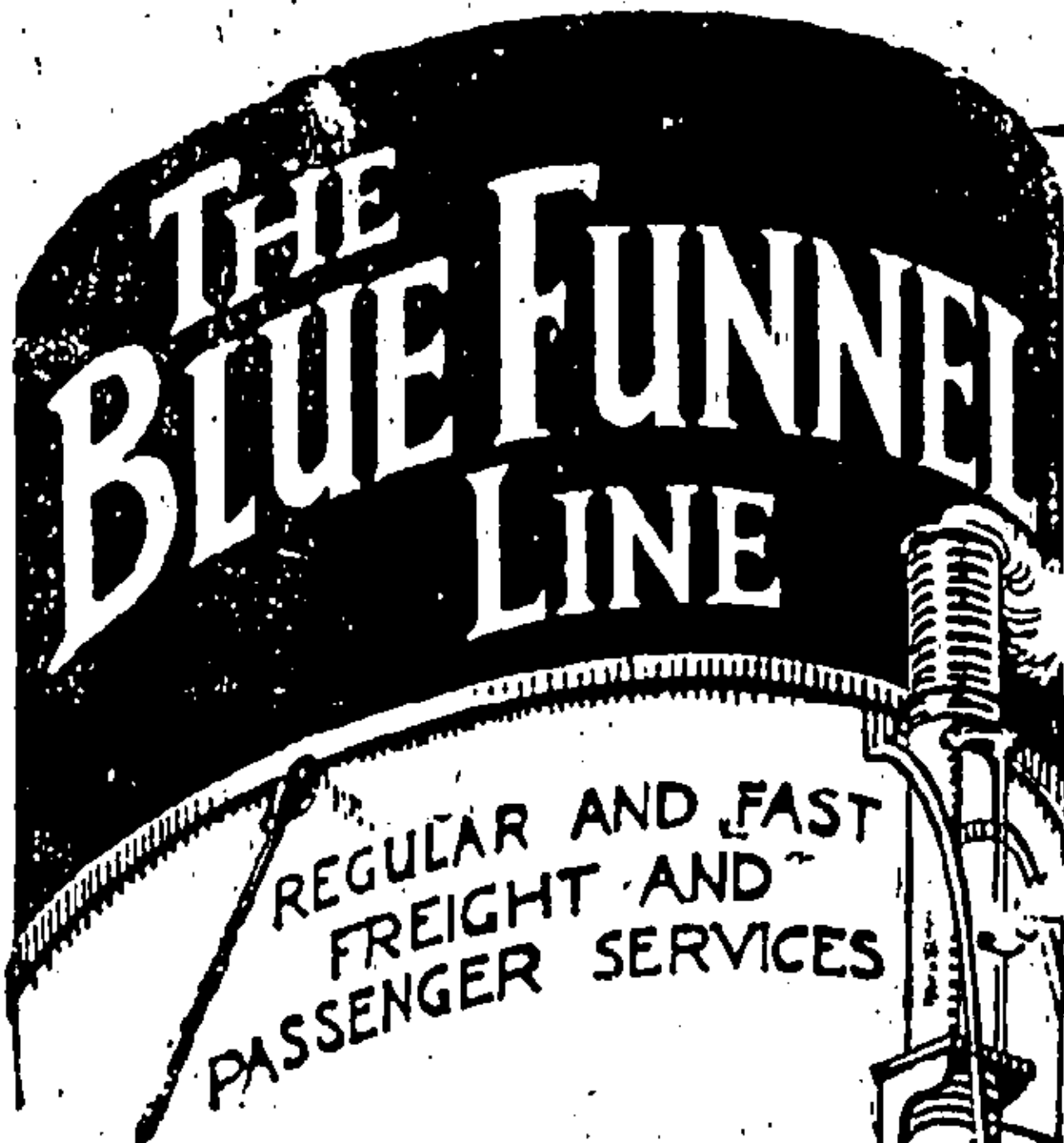
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai.	Pres. Pierce.
Straits	Kashima Maru.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6	
Australia & Manila	Tunda.
Manila	Pres. Madison.
Shanghai & Amoy	Linn.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	
Australia & Manila	Changte.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
Japan & Shanghai	Kumo Maru.
Manila	Emp. of Australia.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	
Japan & Shanghai	D'Aragnan.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16	
Australia & Manila	Tango Maru.

OUTWARD MAILS.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4	
Japan	Tokushima Maru 1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Tokushima Maru 2.30 p.m.
Singapore & Swatow	Tai Ming 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Chian Lee 5 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Tjkenbang 5 p.m.
Haitong & Haiphong	Huon 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5	
Port Bayard	Wing Wo 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	Kio Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6	
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwongchow 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Kashima Maru 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Gihyo Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Ichang 4.30 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7	
Bangkok via Swatow	Helios 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	Hai Ning 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th Mar. K.P.O.—Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O.—Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Perseus.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 27th Feb. & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Pres. Madison.
Swatow	Kwai Sang 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8	
Java via Batavia	Tjkenbang 1.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9	
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon.	Kulsang.
Letters 1 p.m.	Mausang.
Sandakan	Mausang 1.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	Hai Ning Noon

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

LONDON'S TRIBUTE.

Earl Haig's Funeral At The Abbey.

ALL RANKS REPRESENTED.

Coffin Taken To Cenotaph On A Gun Carriage.

London, Yesterday.
London to-day bade farewell to the dead chief of the Empire's greatest army.

The funeral service of Earl Haig at Westminster Abbey was wireless broadcast and so was heard throughout Britain and the Dominions.

All ranks were represented at the Abbey. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and Prince Henry represented His Majesty the King, while Marshal Foch and Marshal Petain, the Belgian General, Baron Deceuninck, and the Japanese Ambassador represented the Allies, and the Diplomatic representatives of other States were also present.

A mass of wreaths was sent to the Abbey, mostly of Flanders' poppies, and included those from the King of Italy and from the Yugo-Slav and the Hungarian Armies. The flag of the German Embassy was half-masted.

Ex-Service Men.
Places were reserved for many disabled ex-service men inside and outside of the Abbey and also at the Scottish Church of St. Columba, where the remains had been lying in state and where the procession started to the Abbey.

The coffin was borne on the same gun-carriage upon which had been placed the unknown warrior's body. It was taken to the Cenotaph and was escorted by a mile-long escort of troops, including French and Belgian detachments and the massed bands of the guards.

The pall-bearers were Admirals Jellicoe and Beatty, and Field Marshals Methuen and Jacob, Generals Gough, Lawrence, Byng, Horne, Ian Hamilton, Cavan, Marshal of the Air Force, Sir H. Trenchard, Marshals Foch, Petain and Deceuninck.

After the service in the Abbey the body was taken to Waterloo Station in a conveyance to Earl Haig's Scottish home at Barmerside for burial at Dryburgh Abbey on the 7th instant.—Reuter.

NOT TILL 1929?

MR. CHURCHILL & GENERAL ELECTION.

NEW WOMEN VOTERS.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Churchill, in a speech at Birmingham, said there could be no general election in 1928. A bill enfranchising women similarly to men must first be enacted and the aid of the new voters registered by this would carry them into the spring or summer of 1929. He indicated there would be no reduction in the Income Tax in the forthcoming budget but believed that yearly economies in the fighting services would be possible subject to the maintenance of a minimum of security for Britain and the Empire.—Reuter.

REORGANISATION.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIES' NEW INTERESTS.

Montreal, Yesterday.
The directors of the British Empire Steel Corporation, the Dominion Steel Corporation, Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and subsidiaries are being reorganised under new financial and industrial interests, namely, Montreal and Toronto corporations represented by Messrs. Holt, Grundy and Company, with New York financial associates.—Reuter.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The re-appointment of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for four years from Jan. 17, has been announced in the "Gazette." The only nomination to represent the unofficial J.P.s was that of Sir Henry so that the election fixed for Feb. 6 will not be held.

LAND SALES.

Forthcoming land sales announced in the "Gazette" will concern the following:—New Kowloon Island Lot 122 at Shamshui; Tsun Wan Marine Lot 3 at Pillar Island off Gindrikers Bay; Kowloon Island Lots 2097, 2098 and 2099 at Prince Edward Road, Ma-tau-wai.

COTTON CRISIS.

Negotiations Break Down At Home.

BOTH SIDES ADAMANT.

Complete Deadlock Over Wages And Hours Questions.

London, Yesterday.
The cotton conference at Manchester has broken down and there is a complete deadlock in regard to hours and wages.

The position in the cotton industry is very serious. Both sides are adamant that the next step rests with the employers, but a ballot on either side may possibly decide whether the employers will enforce the new wages and hours or whether the operatives are to strike.

The operatives are expected to consult the Trades Union Council.—Reuter.

Attitude Unchanged.

The crisis in the cotton industry was the subject of further conferences at Manchester to-day. Representatives of the operatives' unions stated that their attitude was unchanged.—Reuter.

TERRIFIC BLAZE.

ENTIRE BUSINESS AREA RAZED.

AMERICAN CALAMITY.

Boston, Yesterday.
The business quarter on the Fall River has been devastated by a fire which started at Pocasset Mills, and which, fanned by a gale, spread very rapidly.

Eighteen blocks, covering half a square mile, have been practically razed, and the damage is estimated at least at \$25,000,000.

Forty buildings were destroyed including two hotels, three theatres, two newspaper plants, four banks, the Court House, and several large department stores.

Eleven firemen were taken to hospital and 260 others met with minor injuries.

The cold handicapped the fire-fighters, 500 of whom were called in including detachments from eight neighbouring cities.—Reuter's American Service.

Railway Shop Blaze.

Connellsville (Pennsylvania), Yesterday.

Damage of over \$3,000,000 has been caused by a fire which destroyed the Baltimore-Ohio Co.'s locomotive shops.—Reuter's American Service.

HOURS OF LABOUR.

MARITIME CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The executive council of the International Labour Office has passed a resolution in favour of holding an international maritime labour conference immediately after the ordinary labour conference next year. The motion was supported by the labour group and opposed by the executive of the labour office, also by Mr. Forbes Watson, the British employers' delegate.—Reuter.

FLEET ADMIRAL.

SIR HENRY OLIVER'S PROMOTION.

London, Yesterday.
It is officially announced that Sir Henry Oliver is promoted Admiral of the Fleet in succession to the late Sir John Derobeck.—Reuter.

OVER A CONTRACT.

GREEK GOVERNMENT RESIGNS.

Athens, Yesterday.
The Government has resigned after a disagreement in the Cabinet in regard to a road building contract.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOCTORS.

Four names have been added to the local list of persons qualified to practise medicine, all graduates of Hong Kong University (M.B., B.S.). They are Miss Lai Po-chuen of Tsan Yik Hospital, Western Street; Chow Tin-cham, Ko King-fan and Albert Kwan Shem of Morrison Hall.

HARTAL IN INDIA.

Widespread Disturbances Reported.

COMMISSION ARRIVES.

Serious Rioting Takes Place In Madras.

Madras, Yesterday.
Seventeen were injured in rioting this morning and one person has died in hospital.

The mob reassembled at the High Court and attacked Europeans in motorcars. The secretary of the Imperial Bank was held up and his car smashed. Two sergeants were injured.

The situation is not yet controlled and troops are being requisitioned.

Shop Looted.

The disturbance began by the stoning of a carter's shop which was then looted.

Two Indian Deputy Commissioners of Police dispersed the crowd and made two arrests. The crowd swarmed into the prison, demanding the release of the captives. Eight policemen were injured in dispersing the crowd. The latter reassembled outside the High Court where a motorcar belonging to a Government Solicitor was fired.

Police Commissioner Phillips, the Chief Presidency Magistrate and Dr. Panday then came up with mounted police and four men were arrested. The crowd persisted in stoning Mr. Phillips and Dr. Panday, so the police were ordered to fire.

Commission Arrives.

Bombay, Yesterday.

The Simon Commission has arrived en route to Delhi. Many shops, colleges and business associations are participating in the hartal. A procession of 350 Nationalists, clad in white and carrying black flags and banners, inscribed with watchwords like, "You are not wanted," "You are not welcome" and "Down with British Imperialism," proceeded to the pier and afterwards marched through the streets.

The Nationalist procession headed by Shaikat Ali marched up to the entrance of the pier early in the morning and found the way barred by Police who forced it back. It then waited outside the dock until the commissioners came out after breakfast four hours later.

"Simon Go Back."

The processionist, numbering 350 were clad in white and carried black flags and banners inscribed "Simon Go Back," "No Representation," "No Commission," "Unwelcome," "Unwelcome." They marched through the streets with motors carrying the "national flag," and halted outside the shops which were continuing trade calling out "shut your shop, it is hartal."

Sir John Simon has issued a statement in which he says that they are deeply impressed with the responsibility of their task. The Commission will shortly issue a statement in regard to the proposed procedure, which should entirely dissipate suspicions.

The Commission later left for Delhi.

Calcutta Demonstrations.

Calcutta, Yesterday.
Hartal demonstrators in South Calcutta threw bricks at the tramcars and buses, smashing the windows. Four armoured cars are patrolling the streets.—Reuter.

Commissioner Injured.

After the stoning of the principal of the Presidency College by students, Sir Charles Tegart, Commissioner of Police, endeavoured to persuade the students to disperse. The students refused and stoned the authorities. Sir C. Tegart was slightly wounded on the arm. The military were called out and patrolled North Calcutta with fixed bayonets. Several arrests were made and several students sent to hospital.—Reuter.

STABILISATION.

M. POINCARÉ'S THREE HOUR SPEECH.

Paris, Yesterday.
In the Chamber M. Poincaré spoke for three more hours this morning and has not yet finished. He dwelt on the difficulties of the burning question of stabilisation and said the hour of legal stabilisation had not yet struck, but when it did strike, the Government would submit a bill to Parliament.

His speech tended to confirm the belief that stabilisation will be effected at the present rate after the elections.—Reuter.



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